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USCG – hazards of passenger transfers while underway



The US Coast Guard issued a safety alert concerning recommending various steps be taken to reduce the risk of injury during parasail and watersport passenger transfers while underway. **Alert 12-18** (7/24/18)
[<https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/5p/CG-5PC/INV/Alerts/1218.pdf?ver=2018-07-24-144436-737>].

USCG – abandoned sailboat found



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that it has located the sailboat Kelaerin off the coast of Fort Bragg, California. Kelaerin had been abandoned by its owners more than a month previously when the owners were rescued in heavy weather by the Coast Guard off Grays Harbor, Washington.

(7/24/18)

[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/20ofedb>].

MARAD – Gulf of Guinea advisory



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) posted an **updated advisory** regarding the threat of piracy, armed robbery, and kidnapping for ransom in waters of the Gulf of Guinea. (7/24/18)

[<https://www.marad.dot.gov/environment-and-safety/office-of-security/msci/advisory/>].

OFAC – risks of North Korea supply chain links



The Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) posted a **memorandum** addressing risks to businesses with supply chain links to North Korea. (7/23/18)

[https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/Programs/Documents/dprk_supplychain_advisory_07232018.pdf].

FWS – threatened species proposal



The Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) proposes to revise its regulations relating to prohibition of activities involving threatened species. Comments must be received by 24 September. **83 Fed. Reg. 35174** (7/25/18)

[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-07-25/pdf/2018-15811.pdf>].

FWS & NOAA – listing of threatened and endangered species



The Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) propose to amend their regulations relating to listing and removing species from the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants. Comments must be received by 24 September. **83 Fed. Reg. 35193** (7/25/18) <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-07-25/pdf/2018-15810.pdf> [].

FWS & NOAA – interagency cooperation



The Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) propose to amend their regulations regarding interagency cooperation. Comments must be received by 24 September. **83 Fed. Reg. 35178** (7/25/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-07-25/pdf/2018-15812.pdf>].

DOE – small-scale natural gas exports



The Department of Energy (DOE) is revising its regulations regarding small-scale natural gas exports. The amendments enter into effect on _____. **83 Fed. Reg. 35000** (7/25/18) [].

Senate – hearing on NOAA's Blue Ocean Initiative



The Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation held a **hearing** on NOAA's Blue Economy Initiative. Testimony was heard from **RADM Tim Gallaudet, NOAA**. (7/24/18) [<https://www.commerce.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/hearings?ID=D82669C6-8A97-406C-8287-AD862658D809>].

House – hearing on USCG acquisition programs



The Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation of the House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure met on 24 July to receive testimony regarding an **Update** on Coast Guard Acquisition Programs and Mission Balance and Effectiveness. Testimony was heard from: **VADM Daniel Abe** and **VADM Michael McAllister**; and **Ms. Marie A. Mak**, GAO. (7/24/18) [<https://transportation.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=402664>].

House – Jones Act impact on Puerto Rico



The Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure will conduct a **roundtable meeting** on 25 July to discuss the impact of the Jones Act on consumer prices in Puerto Rico. (7/23/18) [<https://transportation.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=402663>].

GAO – USCG acquisition program



The Government Accountability Office (GAO) issued a report on the US Coast Guard acquisitions program. Among other things, the report recommends that the agency's annual Capital Investment Plan (CIP) reflect acquisition trade-off decisions and their effects. **GAO-18-454** (7/24/18) [<https://www.gao.gov/assets/700/693349.pdf>].

Court – Hobbs Act jurisdiction lacking



The US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit dismissed for lack of jurisdiction the petition of one carrier for review of the agency decision to allow a contractor under the Maritime Security Fleet (MSF) program to replace one of its vessels in the program with another vessel. The court ruled that its jurisdiction to directly hear such petition was strictly limited by the Hobbs Act and that petitioner's challenge did not arise under a statute included within the ambit of the Hobbs Act, holding that the challenge must initially be pursued in the district court. **Matson Navigation v Department of Transportation**, No. 17-1144 (D.C. Cir., July 17, 2018) [[https://www.cadc.uscourts.gov/internet/opinions.nsf/93F25C7459DCECA8852582CD0052AD7B/\\$file/17-1144-1740880.pdf](https://www.cadc.uscourts.gov/internet/opinions.nsf/93F25C7459DCECA8852582CD0052AD7B/$file/17-1144-1740880.pdf)]. Note: This item was brought to my attention by my good friend Keith Heard of **Burke & Parsons**.

Australia – electronic visual distress signals



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued a notice reminding stakeholders that electronic visual distress signals (EVDSS) are not suitable replacements for pyrotechnic distress signals. **Marine Notice 2018-2** (7/24/18) [<https://www.amsa.gov.au/vessels-operators/regulations-and-standards-vessels/marine-notice-20182>].

Australia – loss of containers during gale



The Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) issued a **preliminary report** of circumstances surrounding the 1 June incident when the container ship YM Efficiency lost 81 containers overboard, as well as damage to a further 62 containers during gale-force weather off Newcastle. (7/24/18) [http://www.atsb.gov.au/publications/investigation_reports/2018/mair/344-mo-2018-008/].

India – Jurisdiction & Settlement of Maritime Claims



The Indian Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) posted the **Admiralty (Jurisdiction and Settlement of Maritime Claims) Act, 2017**, adopted on 9 August 2017. (7/24/18) [http://dgshipping.gov.in/writereaddata/News/201807240446432007964Admiralty_Act_2017.pdf].

Andrea Doria/Stockholm collision – 25 July 1956



Before



After

The Swedish passenger ship *Stockholm* and the Italian passenger ship *Andrea Doria* collided on the edge of a heavy fog bank off Nantucket on 25 July 1956. The *Andrea Doria* sank several hours after the collision, but not before 1,660 passengers and crew were rescued. There were 46 deaths. While the exact cause of the casualty has never been determined, it appears to have been a

“radar-assisted” collision, with the officers of the watch on both vessels misinterpreting the radar images and taking the wrong actions. The wreck of the *Andrea Doria* has become a popular, though notorious, destination for deep-sea divers. The *Stockholm* was rebuilt following the collision. It has gone through a number of owners and names and sailed for many years as the cruise ship *MV Athena*. On 3 December 2008, it was attacked by pirates while transiting the Gulf of Aden, but was able to evade the attempted boarding. It is now owned by a UK company and sails as the *MV Astoria*.

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