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NTSB – duck boat DVR summarized



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) issued a **press release** stating that its initial review of the digital video recorder (DVR) system of the duck boat that fatally sank at Table Rock Lake on 17 July has been completed. A brief summary of the events recorded is included, without analysis. (7/27/18) [<https://www.nts.gov/news/press-releases/Pages/nr20180727.aspx>].

OSHA – safety violations following shipyard explosion



The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) issued a **news release** stating that five contractors have been cited for safety and

health violations after three employees were fatally injured and two others critically injured following an explosion on a towboat in a Kentucky shipyard. The five companies collectively received 55 violations with proposed penalties totaling \$795,254. (7/24/18)

[<https://www.osha.gov/news/newsreleases/region4/07242018>].

USCG – AMSC 2017 annual report



The US Coast Guard posted a **bulletin** announcing publication of the **Area Maritime Security Committees 2017 Annual Report**. The committees are comprised of subject matter experts from federal, state, territorial, tribal and local agencies, as well as public and private stakeholders to ensure the safety, security, and resilience of the nation's critical Marine Transportation System (MTS). (7/27/18) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/07/27/7-27-2018-area-maritime-security-committees-2017-annual-report-challenges-suggestions-accomplishments-and-best-practices/>].

House – marine debris bill amended and approved



The House of Representatives amended and approved the **Save Our Seas Act of 2018** (S. 756). The bill was amended by tacking on two other bills: (1) the **Maritime Safety Act of 2018** (H.R. 6175) and (2) the **Coast Guard Blue Technology Center of Expertise Act** (H.R. 6206). The Maritime Safety Act seeks to codify the recommendations that came out of the investigations of the sinking of the cargo ship El Faro. The Blue Technologies bill seeks to improve the dissemination of maritime-related technologies. The revised bill now goes back to the Senate for consideration. (7/25/18)

[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115s756eah/pdf/BILLS-115s756eah.pdf>].

House – Building21 discussion draft



The House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure posted the **Discussion Draft** of the Committee Chair Shuster (R-PA) proposal for building a 21st century infrastructure – Building21. The proposal has provisions regarding all transport modes, including ports, waterways, shipping, and intermodal. (7/23/18) [<https://transportation.house.gov/building21/>].

Senate – bill introduced re waterfront communities



Senator Baldwin (D-WI) introduced a bill (S. 3265) to require the Secretary of Commerce to undertake certain activities to support waterfront community revitalization and resiliency, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (7/25/18).

Senate – bill introduced re ports and intermodal connections



Senator Wicker (R-MS) introduced a bill (S. 3273) to improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of goods through ports and intermodal connections to ports, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (7/25/18).

House – bill introduced re port security grants



Representative Meng (D-NY) introduced a bill (H.R. 6609) to amend title 46, United States Code, to reauthorize the port security grant program, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (7/26/18).

Washington – seeking Chief Information Officer



The Washington Department of Ecology issued a **job announcement** stating that it seeks qualified applicants for the position of Chief Information Officer (CIO). Applicants should be received by 9 August. (7/25/18)

[<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/washington/jobs/2152496/chief-information-officer-exempt-management-service-band-4>].

India – calling at more than one port



The Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) issued an **Extension** of permission to foreign ships to call at more than one Indian port for a further five years beyond 05.02.2019 (7/17/18)

[http://dgshipping.gov.in/writereaddata/News/201807271240038764655sd_cir_min_080816.pdf].

Malta – ECDIS-induced grounding



Transport Malta issued the report of its investigation of the grounding of the container ship Kea Trader on a reef in the Pacific Ocean off New Caledonia on 12 July 2017. The officer of the watch was monitoring the ship's route on ECDIS, but failed to notice that the zone of confidence (ZOC) of the electronic chart was 'D' and a caution symbol was displayed. The ECDIS route check function had not been enabled. The audible alarm had been set to zero. **Report 14-2018** (7/27/18) [https://mtp.gov.mt/en/msiu/Documents/MV%20Kea%20Trader_Final%20Safety%20Investigation%20Report.pdf].

The “Black Tom Island” incident – 30 July 1916



The “**Black Tom Island**” incident occurred on Sunday, 30 July 1916. German saboteurs ignited a fire at the munitions-loading facility in Jersey City, across from Manhattan. The ensuing explosions destroyed the waterfront facility and largely obliterated the island, killing four persons and causing over \$40 million in property damage. It was the first state-sponsored terrorist attack in US history and was the genesis of the Coast Guard's port security program. The linked article (http://www.brymar-consulting.com/wp-content/uploads/security/Black_Tom-a.pdf) provides further details.

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