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GLPAC – meeting on 10 September

The Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory Committee (GLPAC), sponsored by the US Coast Guard, will meet on 10 September in Cape Vincent, New York. Topics on the agenda include: uniform auditing practices; the target pilot compensation study; and use of the ten-year rolling average of traffic. **83 Fed. Reg. 35000** (7/31/18) [].

USCG – members sought for GLPAC

The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that it seeks applicants for membership on the Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory Committee. **83 Fed. Reg. 35000** (7/31/18) [].

HSRP – meeting on 28-30 August

The Hydrographic Services Review Panel (HSRP), sponsored by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), will meet in Juneau on 28-30 August to discuss navigation services, focusing on the Alaska and US Arctic regions. **83 Fed. Reg. 35000** (7/31/18) [].

IOOS – meeting on 28-29 August

The Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS), sponsored by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), will meet in Juneau on 28-29 August to discuss stakeholder needs specific to the Alaska and Arctic regions. [83 Fed. Reg. 35000 \(7/31/18\)](#) [].

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/Misc/Black%20Tom%20Island%20incident%2019160730.pdf>) provides further details. *Note: This item is repeated from yesterday because the previous version had corrupted links.*

Collection of Duties Act – 31 July 1789



Getting a new nation started is a complex operation. After the adoption of the Constitution by the various states of the United States, there were elections for President and for the House of Representatives, as well as appointments to the Senate. Then, these august gentlemen (august gentlewomen were not invited) got together and began enacting legislation. On 4 July 1789, in one of their first official actions, they assessed duties on arriving vessels. It then occurred to someone that they had failed to provide for the payment of those duties. Therefore, on 31 July 1789, Congress adopted the **Collection of Duties Act**, which required vessels arriving in ports of the United States to actually pay the previously imposed duties. President George Washington appointed the various Collectors of Customs in August 1789. A year later, Congress authorized a ‘system of cutters’ to enforce the collection of duties.

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