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## **USCG – foreign rebuild determination**



The US Coast Guard issued a **Determination Letter** finding that work to be done in a foreign shipyard on a US-flag molten sulfur tanker was of a sufficiently minor nature as to not adversely impact the vessel's eligibility to engage in the coastwise trade. (8/2/18)  
[<https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/NVDC/SULPHUR.pdf?ver=2018-08-02-105904-157>].

## **USCG – reporting waterway hazards**



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** reminding mariners of the options available for reporting of waterway hazards. (8/2/18)  
[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/08/02/8-2-2018-do-you-know-how-to-report-waterway-hazards/>].

## DOS – meeting on 30 August re CCC 5



The Department of State (DOS) will conduct an open meeting on 30 August in Washington, DC to prepare for the upcoming session of the IMO Subcommittee on Carriage of Cargoes and Containers (CCC 5). Topics on the agenda include amendments to the IGF Code and amendments to the CSS Code with regard to weather-dependent lashings. **83 Fed. Reg. 38199** (8/3/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-08-03/pdf/2018-16677.pdf>].

## Congress – National Defense Authorization Act



Congress has passed and sent to the President the **National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019** (H.R. 5515). Among other things, the bill authorizes the Coast Guard to enter into a contract or contracts for procurement up to six polar-class icebreakers, including heavy icebreakers and medium icebreakers. (6/18/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115hr5515pap/pdf/BILLS-115hr5515pap.pdf>]. The **Conference Report** accompanying the bill is also of interest. (7/25/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CRPT-115hrpt875/pdf/CRPT-115hrpt875.pdf>].

## Court – suit against Queen Elizabeth dismissed



In an unpublished decision, the US Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit affirmed the district court's dismissal of plaintiff's suit against the Queen of Great Britain. Plaintiff asserted that America is having a constitutional crisis and that the Democrats and Republicans were failing to fix things. Because the complaint failed to list any actions by the Queen that caused the plaintiff harm, the court agreed that the plaintiff had failed to state a claim against the Queen. **Johnson v Queen Elizabeth**, No. 18-2200 (3rd Cir., August 2, 2018) (8/2/18) [<http://www2.ca3.uscourts.gov/opinarch/182200np.pdf>]. *Note: This is not a maritime matter, but still worthy of inclusion here.*

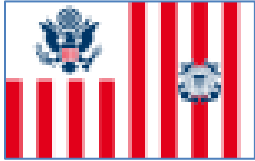
## Australia – stowage of shipping containers



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued a notice reminding owners, operators, and masters to stow and secure shipping containers in accordance with approved arrangements. **Marine Notice 3-2018**

(8/2/18) [<https://www.amsa.gov.au/vessels-operators/regulations-and-standards-vessels/proper-stowage-cargo-containers-marine-notice>].

## Coast Guard Day



Tomorrow, August 4, 2018, is the 228th anniversary of the enactment of legislation establishing the **Revenue Cutter Service** (RCS), the forerunner of today's US Coast Guard. While nominally intended to enforce the collection of revenue from imported cargoes, the service was engaged in multiple missions from the beginning. Over time, other agencies and functions were merged into it. In 1915, with the merger of the RCS and the Life-Saving Service, the name of the agency was changed to the **United States Coast Guard**. An illustrious history, a proud present, and an exciting future – Semper Paratus!

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