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OFAC – sanctions against Iran



The Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) issued **updated guidance** regarding the renewed economic sanctions against Iran. (8/7/18)
[<https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/OFAC-Enforcement/Pages/20180806.aspx>].

NTSB – preliminary report re fatal duck boat sinking



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) posted its **Preliminary Report** regarding the fatal sinking of the duck boat Stretch Duck 07

on Table Rock Lake on 19 July 2018. The report provides an update on the status of the investigation and draws no conclusions. (8/7/18) [<https://www.nts.gov/investigations/AccidentReports/Reports/DCA18MMO28-preliminary-report.pdf>].

DOJ – Navy officer pleads guilty



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a **news release** stating that a US Navy officer pleaded guilty in federal court to his role in a \$2.7 million procurement fraud scheme and to lying on his federal income tax return. He faces up to 20 years in prison. (8/6/18) [<https://www.justice.gov/usao-edva/pr/navy-officer-pleads-guilty-27-million-fraud-scheme>].

MERPAC – meeting on 11-12 September



The Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee (MERPAC), sponsored by the US Coast Guard, will meet on 11-12 September in Dania Beach, Florida. Topics on the agenda include implementation of the 2013 amendments to the STCW and fatigue mitigation and management. **83 Fed. Reg. 39109** (8/8/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-08-08/pdf/2018-16948.pdf>].

USCG – HYDROLANT and HYDROPAC rebroadcasts



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that on 30 August it will cease the rebroadcast of HYDROLANT and HYDROPAC information broadcast by the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency. **83 Fed. Reg. 39109** (8/8/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-08-08/pdf/2018-16954.pdf>].

GAO – aircraft carrier dismantlement



The Government Accountability Office (GAO) posted its report on aircraft carrier management and disposal. The report states that dismantling and disposing of the ex-USS *Enterprise* nuclear aircraft carrier may cost the Navy more than \$1 billion. Typical budget and reporting on dismantlement and disposal does not give enough information to support oversight for a project of this size and cost. The report recommends that the Navy provide additional budget information and reporting for the project. Using commercial industry to

dismantle and dispose of the aircraft carrier may offer many benefits to the Navy. At present, a regulatory disagreement between agencies hampers this possibility. The report suggests that Congress consider action to resolve this. [GAO-18-523](#) (8/2/18) [<https://www.gao.gov/assets/700/693654.pdf>].

Court – failure to warn



The US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit affirmed the jury finding in a shipyard accident case that the manufacturer of a crane being used in the tandem lift of the bow of a ship under construction is liable for failure to warn crane operators that, if the crane tips over, large weights stacked on the rear of the crane can slide forward and strike the operator's cab. [Williams v Manitowoc Cranes](#), No. 17-60458 (5th Cir., August 3, 2018) [<http://www.ca5.uscourts.gov/opinions/pub/17/17-60458-CVo.pdf>].

Court – trade dress action



The US Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit affirmed the district court's grant of summary judgment in favor of defendant boat builder in a trade dress action brought by another boat builder for copying plaintiff's hull design. The court found that the hulls of defendant's boats were not confusingly similar to the hulls of plaintiff's boats. [Yellowfin Yachts v Barker Boatworks](#), No. 17-11176 (11th Cir., August 7, 2018) [<http://media.ca11.uscourts.gov/opinions/pub/files/201711176.pdf>].

India – shore power supply to ships



The Indian Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) posted the [Draft](#) of its proposed Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for shore power supply to ships in Indian ports. Comments must be submitted by 15 August. (7/27/18) [http://dgshipping.gov.in/writereaddata/News/201808060540084802853Draft_SOP_Eng_27072018.pdf].

RMI – inadequate reception facilities



The Maritime Administrator of the Republic of the Marshall Islands issued an updated [Marine Notice](#) providing guidance relating to reports alleging inadequate MARPOL port reception facilities. (8/6/18) [<http://www.register-iri.com/forms/upload/MN-2-014-2.pdf>].

Panama Canal – lock outage



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory stating that the west lane of the Gatun Locks will be out of service from 14 through 23 August. Transit Reservation System Condition 2 will be in effect during this period. **Advisory 26-2018** (8/7/18)
[<https://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2018/a-26-2018.pdf>].

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