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## **Hudson River – partial closure at Tappan Zee Bridge**



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) announcing the closure to navigation of the eastern portion of the Hudson River at the Tappan Zee Bridge due to instability of the old bridge structure. The western portion of the river at this point is conditionally open to navigation. (9/8/18) [<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/20bd97b>].

## Hawaii – port condition Whiskey for Hurricane Olivia



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that port condition Whiskey has been set for almost all the ports in Hawaii due to the forecasted approach of Hurricane Olivia. (9/8/18)

[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/20bb12c>].

## Buzzards Bay – cruise ship loses power



The **news release** stating that the cruise ship Star Pride, with 191 passengers and 160 crew, lost power in Buzzards Bay. Coast Guard vessels responded. The ship anchored outside the channel until power was restored. Under tug escort, the ship will proceed to Newport for a Coast Guard inspection before continuing its voyage. (9/7/18)

[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/20bba75>].

## Honolulu – complaints against commercial fishing companies



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that complaints have been filed in federal district court in Honolulu against Azure Fishery LLC, the company's managers, the operator of the commercial fishing vessel Jaxon T, and the new owner of the vessel for violations of the Clean Water Act. This is the fourth case brought this year involving illegal oil discharge practices in the Honolulu-based longline fishing fleet. (9/7/18)

[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/20bac98>].

## Boston – Harbor Improvement Dredging Project



The US Coast Guard promulgated a temporary rule establishing, through 31 August 2023, safety zones in Boston Harbor around any vessel, barge, or equipment engaged in dredging, drilling, or blasting and around any blasting worksites in support of the Boston Harbor Improvement Dredging Project. **83 Fed. Reg. 45571** (9/10/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-09-10/pdf/2018-19518.pdf>].

## USCG – The Gas Gauge newsletter



The USCG Liquefied Gas Carrier National Center of Expertise (LGC NCOE) posted the Summer 2018 edition of its newsletter, **The Gas Gauge**. (9/7/18)

[<https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/5p/LGCNCOE/docs/newsletter6.pdf?ver=2018-09-06-120401-357>].

## DOJ – man charged with murder on cruise ship



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a **news release** stating that a Kansas man has been charged with murdering his girlfriend onboard the cruise ship Carnival Elation on 19 January 2018. (9/6/18)

[<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/kansas-man-arrested-and-charged-murdering-girlfriend-board-cruise-ship>].

## USN – 1,000+ AK-47s seized in Gulf of Aden



The US Navy issued a **news release** stating that the guided missile destroyer USS Jason Dunham (DDG 109) seized a cache of over 1,000 AK-47 automatic rifles found on a stateless dhow and skiff in the Gulf of Aden. The mariners on the two vessels have been transferred to the Yemeni Coast Guard. (8/30/18) [[https://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story\\_id=106907](https://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=106907)].

## California – potential offshore wind development



The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) issued a **press release** announcing that the California Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Force will meet on 17 September in Sacramento to review and discuss the issuance of a Call for Information and Nominations on areas for potential leasing for offshore wind development. (9/7/18)

[<https://www.boem.gov/note09072018/>].

## COAC – meeting on 3 October



The Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee (COAC), sponsored by the US Customs and Border Protection (CBP), will meet in Washington, DC on 3 October. **83 Fed. Reg. 45648** (9/10/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-09-10/pdf/2018-19614.pdf>].

## Court – piercing the corporate veil



In an unpublished decision, the US Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit affirmed the lower court ruling that prevented plaintiff vessel owner from piercing the corporate veil and holding the individual owner of defendant oil trading company personally liable for damages. **Eitzen Chemical v Carib Petroleum**, No. 17-14697 (11th Cir., September 4, 2018) [<http://media.ca11.uscourts.gov/opinions/unpub/files/201714697.pdf>]. *Note: I found the case more interesting for the light it shown on oil trading company practices.*

## Australia – near grounding



The Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) issued the report of its investigation of the near grounding of the bulk carrier Aquadiva on 12 February 2017 while departing Newcastle Harbour under the conduct of a pilot. The pilot and the bridge team were not using the same passage plan. As a result, the bridge team failed to alert the pilot when insufficient rudder was applied during a crucial turn. **MO-2017-002** (9/6/18) [<http://www.atsb.gov.au/media/5774910/mo-2017-002-final.pdf>].

## Panama Canal – vessel dimension eligibility



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory announcing changes in the vessel dimensions eligible for the additional booking slot provided for in Advisory 10-2018. **Advisory 31-2018** (9/4/18) [<https://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2018/a-31-2018.pdf>].

## Panama Canal – transits of LNG vessels



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory announcing modifications to restrictions on transits of LNG vessels. **Advisory 29-2018** (8/31/18) [<https://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2018/a-29-2018.pdf>].

## Singapore – reporting of incidents



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority issued a circular revising its requirements for the reporting of incidents involving Singapore-registered ships. **Shipping Circular 11-2018** (9/5/18) [<https://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/port-of-singapore/circulars-and-notices/detail/177b7d7a-eb8b-462c-894c-f0847d9367a3>].

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