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Georgetown, SC – port condition Zulu



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that port condition Zulu has been set for the port of Georgetown, South Carolina due to the imminent approach of Hurricane Florence. (9/13/18)
[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/20cfa6a>].

FMC – Hurricane Florence advisory



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a [news release](#) stating that various cruise lines have announced itinerary changes and cancellations due to Hurricane Florence. Cruise passengers should stay in touch with their cruise lines for the most up-to-date information. (9/13/18)
[https://www.fmc.gov/notice_to_passengers_hurricane_florence/].

FMC – meeting on 19 September



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a notice stating that the Commissioners will meet on 19 September in Washington, DC. Topics on the agenda include a briefing on Fact Finding Number 28; an update on the Regulatory Reform Task Force; and a demonstration on the website redesign. **83 Fed. Reg. 46734** (9/14/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-09-14/pdf/2018-20151.pdf>].

DOJ – proposed consent decree



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a notice stating that a proposed partial consent decree has been filed in federal district court in Honolulu involving the 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. Comments must be submitted within 30 days. **83 Fed. Reg. 46760** (9/14/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-09-14/pdf/2018-19969.pdf>].

DOE – US now largest crude oil producer



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a **news release** stating that the most recent estimates show that the United States is now the world's largest producer of crude oil, exceeding Saudi Arabia and Russia. In addition, the Freeport LNG project was authorized on 6 September to export up to 2 billion cubic feet per day of natural gas as LNG to both free-trade and non-free-trade countries for a two year period. (9/13/18) [<https://www.energy.gov/articles/us-becomes-world-s-largest-crude-oil-producer-and-department-energy-authorizes-short-term>].

EC – augmented European Border and Coast Guard proposed



The European Commission (EC) issued a **press release** proposing an augmentation of the European Border and Coast Guard and a broadening of its mandate. (9/12/18) [http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_MEMO-18-5715_en.htm].

MREN – Confidential near-miss reporting



In the September 2018 edition of Maritime Reporter and Engineering News, you can find my article entitled "**Confidential near-miss reporting**". The article discusses the value of near-miss reporting in the improvement of safety and identifies a methodology that the US Coast Guard could adopt, with industry support, to implement a confidential near-miss reporting regime similar (but not identical) to the program utilized in the aviation industry. (9/13/18) [<http://www.brymar-consulting.com/wp-content/uploads/MREN/MREN180900.pdf>].

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