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USCG – towing vessel manning levels



The USCG Towing Vessel National Center of Excellence of Towing Vessel Inspection issued a notice stating that the manning guidance in [TugSafe Central](#) has been updated. Additionally, new guidance entitled *Determining Manning Levels* has also been added to provide guidance and references regarding adequate manning levels for inspected towing vessels. The new guidance can be found in the 'Credentials, Documents and Reports' section of TugSafe Central. (9/18/18).

USCG – ballast water summary report



The US Coast Guard promulgated a final rule eliminating the requirement for certain vessels that operate exclusively within a single Captain of the Port (COTP) zone to submit an Annual Ballast Water Summary Report. The rule enters into effect on 1 October. **83 Fed. Reg. 47284** (9/19/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-09-19/pdf/2018-20374.pdf>].

Georgia – Spaceport Camden proposal



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that it will host a public meeting on 27 September in Kingsland, Georgia regarding the proposal to establish a safety zone in the vicinity of the proposed Spaceport Camden near Woodbine. Written comments must be received by 11 October. **83 Fed. Reg. 47324** (9/19/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-09-19/pdf/2018-20335.pdf>].

USCG – withdrawal of OCS Activities proposal



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that it is withdrawing the proposed rule entitled ‘Outer Continental Shelf Activities’ that was published on 7 December 1999. **83 Fed. Reg. 47324** (9/19/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-09-19/pdf/2018-20378.pdf>].

Martinez – Navigating the Future forum on 31 October



The US Coast Guard and Shell Oil are co-hosting the forum ‘**Navigating the Future**’ in Martinez, California on 31 October. Topics on the agenda include IMO-Future Fuels; LNG bunkering on ships; cyber security; regulatory compliance; and safe oil transfer on marine terminals. (9/18/18) [https://calendar.sfmex.org/_layouts/15/start.aspx#/Lists/Calendar/DispForm.aspx?ID=33&Source=https%3A%2F%2Fcalendar%2Esfmx%2Eorg%2Fdefault%2Easpx].

TRB – review of USCG vessel stability regulations



The Transportation Research Board (TRB) of the National Academy of Science issued its **Review of USCG Vessel Stability Regulations**.

(9/12/18) [https://www.nap.edu/catalog/25258/review-of-us-coast-guard-vessel-stability-regulations?utm_source=NASEM+News+and+Publications&utm_campaign=e252a71827-NAP_mail_new_2018_09_17&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_96101de015-e252a71827-102060401&goal=0_96101de015-e252a71827-102060401&mc_cid=e252a71827&mc_eid=5629efob84].

NTSB – El Faro investigation video



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) posted a **video** of its investigation of the loss of the cargo ship El Faro. (9/18/18) [https://www.nts.gov/investigations/Pages/2015_elfaro_jax.aspx].

House – USMMA resolution introduced



Representative Suozzi (D-NY) introduced a resolution (**H. Res. 1070**) recognizing the 75th anniversary of the United States Merchant Marine Academy. (9/17/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115hres1070ih/pdf/BILLS-115hres1070ih.pdf>].

House – Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Subcommittee



The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee issued a **press release** stating that Representative Brian Mast (R-FL) has been named Chair of the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Subcommittee. (9/17/18) [].

Senate – Fish Fights hearing



The Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and the Coast Guard of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation conducted a **hearing** titled: 'Fish Fights: An Examination of Conflicts Over Ocean Resources. Testimony was received from VADM Daniel Abel, USCG; Ambassador David Balton, Woodrow Wilson Center; Dr. Bama Athreya, USAID; and Dr. Paul Doremus, NOAA. (9/18/18) [<https://www.commerce.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/hearings?ID=858E7348-788F-4FF6-B98C-326CF14718DF>].

UK – EU exit regulations



The UK Department for Transport (DfT) issued a **statutory instrument** (along with an explanatory memorandum) that makes a number of minor amendments to various pieces of maritime secondary legislation to ensure that the relevant legislation continues to operate effectively after the UK leaves the EU. (9/18/18) [<https://www.gov.uk/eu-withdrawal-act-2018-statutory-instruments/the-merchant-shipping-miscellaneous-provisions-amendments-etc-eu-exit-regulations-2018>].

UK – artificial intelligence in transport



The UK Department for Transport (DfT) posted the ‘**Position Statement on Artificial Intelligence in Transport**’ of its Science Advisory Council. (9/18/18) [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/735713/position-statement-on-artificial-intelligence-transport.pdf].

Talk Like A Pirate Day – 19 September 2018



Today, 19 September 2018, is “**Talk Like A Pirate Day**”. Festivities are planned from Las Vegas to Henderson, Nevada. Join in the fun, but please remember that there are still real pirates out there – attacking ships and holding crew members hostage. Avast! [<http://talklikeapirate.com/wordpress/>].

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