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USCG – training for LNG-fueled vessel inspectors



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** stating that Coast Guard marine inspectors have been provided with four days of technical training on the inspection of LNG-fueled vessels by personnel from the Liquefied Gas Carrier National Center of Expertise (LGC NCOE), the Marine Safety Center (MSC), and a variety of industry experts. (9/27/18)

[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/09/27/9-27-2018-lgc-natl-center-of-expertise-industry-experts-provide-technical-training-for-future-lng-fueled-vessel-inspectors/>].

BSEE – oil and gas production safety systems



The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) promulgated a final rule amending regulations regarding oil and natural gas production safety systems to reduce unnecessary burdens on stakeholders. The rule enters into effect on 27 December. **83 Fed. Reg. 49216** (9/28/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-09-28/pdf/2018-21197.pdf>].

NOAA – chambered nautilus



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) promulgated a final rule listing the chambered nautilus as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. The rule enters into effect on 29 October. **83 Fed. Reg. 48976** (9/28/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-09-28/pdf/2018-21114.pdf>].

NOAA – plastics in the ocean



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) posted **A Guide to Plastic in the Ocean**. (9/27/18) [<https://oceanservice.noaa.gov/hazards/marinedebris/plastics-in-the-ocean.html>].

Senate – bill introduced to reduce marine debris



Senator Sullivan (R-AK) introduced the **Save Our Seas Act of 2018** (S. 3508) to reauthorize and amend the Marine Debris Act to promote international action to reduce marine debris, and for other purposes. (9/26/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115s3508es/pdf/BILLS-115s3508es.pdf>].

House – bill introduced re USCG Academy



Representative Thompson (D-MS) introduced a bill (H.R. 6905) to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish a commission to enhance cultural competence and improve recruitment and outreach efforts at the Coast Guard Academy, to amend title 14, United States Code, to modify the process for congressional nomination of

individuals for appointment as cadets at the Coast Guard Academy, and for other purposes. (9/26/18).

IMO – World Maritime Day 2018



The IMO issued a **news release** celebrating World Maritime Day 2018 – “IMO 70: Our Heritage – Better Shipping for a Better Future” and recognizing the founding of the IMO in 1948. (9/26/18)

[http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/PressBriefings/Pages/15_WMD2018.aspx].

EC – liner shipping consortia exemption



The European Commission (EC) issued a **press release** inviting comments on the legal framework exempting liner shipping consortia from EU antitrust rules. Comments should be submitted by 20 December. (9/27/18)

[http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-18-5921_en.htm].

Estonia sinking – 28 September 1994



On 28 September 1994, the ro-ro passenger ferry **Estonia** capsized and sank in the Baltic Sea while making its regular passage from Tallinn, Estonia to Stockholm. Of the 803 passengers and 186 crew on board, 138 were rescued alive, although one of these died soon thereafter. The casualty resulted from failure of the bow visor door and subsequent flooding of the open vehicle deck with its large free surface. Subsequently, the IMO adopted special training requirements in crowd and crises management for crews on passenger vessels. EPIRBs were required to activate automatically and voyage data recorders were mandated. Improved damage stability of passenger ships was also mandated.

Anti-Flogging Act – 28 September 1850



The Act making Appropriations for the Naval Service was enacted into law on 28 September 1850. In its time, it was better known as the **Anti-Flogging Act** because included within its various financial provisions was the following: “*Provided*, That flogging in the navy, and on board vessels of commerce, be, and the same is hereby, abolished from and after the passage of this act.”

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