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Loss of El Faro – 1 October 2015



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** marking the third anniversary of the loss of the cargo ship El Faro and the 33 persons on board. The tragedy has been investigated by the **US Coast Guard** and the National Transportation Safety Board (**NTSB**) and remedial measures have been instituted, with more in development. It has also been the subject of at least three books. (10/1/18) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/10/01/10-1-2018-remembering-el-faro/>].

USCG – obtaining replacement MMCs



The USCG National Maritime Center (NMC) issued a **bulletin** providing guidance to US mariners on how to obtain duplicate merchant mariner credentials (MMCs) to replace ones lost due to Hurricane Florence. (9/27/18) [https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/NMC/pdfs/announcements/2018/hurricane_florence_duplicate_mmc_notice.pdf].

Straits of Mackinac – RNA established



The US Coast Guard promulgated a final rule establishing a regulated navigation area (RNA) for certain waters of the Straits of Mackinac. The rule enters into effect on _____. **83 Fed. Reg. 49000** (10/1/18) [].

FMC – detention & demurrage field interviews



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a **news release** stating that interviews with respect to the detention and demurrage fact finding will be held in LA/LB during the week of 15 October and in Port Everglades/Miami during the week of 29 October. (9/28/18) [https://www.fmc.gov/detention_demurrage_interview_locations_announced/].

DOE – application to export LNG



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a notice stating that it received an application from Cheniere Marketing for authorization to export domestically produced LNG. Comments by be received by _____. **83 Fed. Reg. 49000** (10/1/18) [].

FERC – Port Arthur Liquefaction Project EIS



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a **news release** stating that a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) has been

prepared for the Port Arthur Liquefaction Project. Comments must be received by 19 November. (9/28/18)

[<https://www.ferc.gov/industries/gas/enviro/eis/2018/09-28-18-DEIS.asp?csrt=12036027981464624265>].

House – resolution introduced re end of WWI



Representative Brady (D-PA) introduced a resolution (**H. Res. 1094**) commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Armistice Agreement, the 100th anniversary of the return of the Unknown Soldier, and the 100th anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. (9/27/18)

[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115hres1094ih/pdf/BILLS-115hres1094ih.pdf>]. Note: The casket bearing the remains of the first unknown soldier was transported from France to Washington, DC by **USS Olympia**.

Australia – master and owner charged re oil spill



The Northern Territory Department of Environment and Natural Resources issued a **news release** stating that it has commenced legal proceedings against a master and owner of a vessel responsible for a large oil spill in Darwin Harbour on 19 August 2016. (9/27/18)

[<https://denr.nt.gov.au/news/prosecution-proceedings-commenced-over-oil-spill-in-darwin-harbour>].

New Zealand – spill readiness & response strategy



Maritime New Zealand issued a **notice** stating that its Marine Oil Spill Readiness and Response Strategy has been updated. (9/28/18)

[<https://www.maritimenz.govt.nz/public/environment/responding-to-spills/response-strategy.asp>].

UK – carrier aircraft are back



The Royal Navy issued a **news release** stating that carrier aircraft are back in operation after an absence of eight years. (9/28/18)

[<https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/news-and-latest-activity/news/2018/september/28/180928-first-deck-landing>].

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