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## **White House – Save Our Seas Act of 2018**



President Trump signed into law the **Save Our Seas Act of 2018** (S. 3508). Title II of the Act codifies changes to implement recommendations arising from the investigations into the loss of the cargo ship El Faro. (10/11/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115s3508enr/pdf/BILLS-115s3508enr.pdf>].

## USCG – BWMS recap



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** recapping its presentations at a recent conference concerning extensions of compliance date extensions and type approval of ballast water management systems (BWMSs). (10/11/18) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/10/11/10-11-2018-ballast-water-management-technology-north-america-conference-recap-of-presentation-on-extensions-type-approval-and-next-steps/>].

## USCG – cyber protection and response posture



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** addressing the fortifying of the US cyber protection and response posture. (10/12/18) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/10/12/10-12-2018-national-cybersecurity-awareness-month-fortifying-the-u-s-cyber-protection-and-response-posture/>].

## MARAD – RFP for NSMV construction manager



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) issued a **news release** stating that it issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) to solicit a vessel construction manager to deliver a new class of training ships referred to as a National Security Multi-Mission Vessel (NSMV). (10/11/18) [[https://www.marad.dot.gov/newsroom/news\\_release/2018/maritime-administration-issues-request-for-proposal/](https://www.marad.dot.gov/newsroom/news_release/2018/maritime-administration-issues-request-for-proposal/)].

## FERC – Rio Grande LNG Project



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a **news release** stating that an environmental impact statement (EIS) has been drafted for the Rio Grande LNG Project. Comments must be received by 3 December. (10/12/18) [<https://www.ferc.gov/industries/gas/enviro/eis/2018/10-12-18-DEIS.asp?csrt=7484429464727211215>].

## Senate – bill introduced re freight projects



Senator Carper (D-DE) introduced a bill (S. 3587) to amend title 23, United States Code, to improve the nationally significant freight and highway projects program, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (10/11/18).

## Senate – recapitalization of USCG & NOAA ships



The Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and the Coast Guard of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation conducted a **hearing** on recapitalization of Coast Guard and NOAA ships. Testimony was received from RADM Michael Haycock, USCG; RADM Michael Silah, NOAA; Ms. Marie Mak, GAO; and Mr. Ronald O'Rourke, CRS. (10/11/18) [<https://www.commerce.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/hearings?ID=7952AFA7-6E44-421F-B1CC-9851F8753DC6>].

## Court – bunkers and maritime liens



The US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit agreed with other circuits and ruled that a bunker supplier does not have a maritime lien against the vessel for which bunkers were provided where the owner ordered the bunkers from a bunker broker not the physical supplier. **Bunker Holdings v Yang Ming Liberia**, No. 16-35539 (9th Cir., October 11, 2018) [<http://cdn.ca9.uscourts.gov/datastore/opinions/2018/10/11/16-35539.pdf>].

## Arctic – 2018 sea ice minimum



The National Snow and Ice Data Center (NSIDC) issued a **news release** stating that the Arctic sea ice minimum, reached on 23 September, was tied for the sixth lowest in the nearly 40-year satellite record at 4.59 million square kilometers. All of the twelve lowest minimums have occurred in the past 12 years. (9/27/18) [<http://nsidc.org/arcticseaicenews/2018/09/arctic-sea-ice-extent-arrives-at-its-minimum/>].

## Arctic – sea ice younger and thinner



The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) issued a **news release** stating that the Arctic Ocean's blanket of sea ice has changed since 1958 from predominately older, thicker ice to mostly younger, thinner ice. New ice grows faster but is more vulnerable to weather and wind, so ice thickness is more variable. (10/11/18) [<https://www.nasa.gov/feature/jpl/with-thick-ice-gone-arctic-sea-ice-changes-more-slowly>].

## EC – Danish tonnage tax scheme



The European Commission (EC) issued a **press release** stating that it has approved the extension of the existing Danish tonnage tax scheme to additional types of vessels. (10/12/18) [[http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release\\_IP-18-6107\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-18-6107_en.htm)].

## UK – accidental release of CO<sub>2</sub>



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) issued a safety bulletin concerning accidental release of CO<sub>2</sub> from fixed fire extinguishing systems. **Safety Bulletin No. 12** (9/12/18) [[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/739881/Safety\\_Bulletin\\_12\\_-\\_CO2\\_releases.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/739881/Safety_Bulletin_12_-_CO2_releases.pdf)].

## UK – accident reporting and investigation



The UK Department for Transport (DfT) issued a **Notice** regarding amendments to the Merchant Shipping (Accident Reporting and Investigation) statute to provide for its continued effect when Brexit takes effect. (10/12/18) [<https://www.gov.uk/eu-withdrawal-act-2018-statutory-instruments/the-merchant-shipping-accident-reporting-and-investigation-and-the-railways-accident-investigation-and-reporting-amendment-eu-exit-regulations-2018>].

## MREN – Liquefaction



In the October 2018 edition of Maritime Reporter & Engineering News, you can find my article on **Liquefaction**. The article discusses the shocking number of bulk carriers that have suddenly and catastrophically been lost at sea in recent years. The known or suspected cause of these tragic losses has been liquefaction of cargo. Despite efforts of the IMO, insurers, and trade

associations, these losses continue. Installing a longitudinal bulkhead in each cargo hold would reduce the risk of liquefaction and the consequent loss of ships, cargo, and crews. (10/15/18) [<http://www.brymar-consulting.com/wp-content/uploads/MREN/MREN181000.pdf>].

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