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San Pedro – shipping container explosion



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that a shipping container loaded with scrap metal intended for export exploded at a facility on Terminal Island in San Pedro. There were no reports of injuries. Ten other containers believed to be carrying the same material are being examined. The explosion is believed to be an industrial accident. (10/31/18)
[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/2184odd>].

SHC – meeting on 27 November re MSC 100



The Shipping Coordination Committee (SHC), sponsored by the Department of State (DOS), will meet on 27 November in Washington, DC to prepare for the upcoming session of the IMO Maritime Safety Committee (MSC 100). Topics on the agenda include maritime security; maritime autonomous surface ships; and non-SOLAS ships operating in polar waters. **83 Fed. Reg. 54973** (11/1/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-11-01/pdf/2018-23865.pdf>].

NY/NJ – anchorages evaluation



The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) issued a notice announcing that it plans to prepare a General Reevaluation Study (GRR) with an integrated environmental impact statement (EIS) to evaluate environmental impacts from reasonable project alternatives and to determine the potential for significant impacts related to the improvement of anchorages included in the federal navigation project for New York and New Jersey Harbor anchorages. A public scoping meeting will be held in New York on 8 November. Comments must be received by 10 December. **83 Fed. Reg. 54919** (11/1/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-11-01/pdf/2018-23879.pdf>].

DOE – application to export LNG



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a notice stating that it received an application from Driftwood LNG LLC for authorization to export LNG. Comments must be received by 21 November. **83 Fed. Reg. 54922** (11/1/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-11-01/pdf/2018-23867.pdf>].

NOAA – NE wind energy areas assessment



The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management posted the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) **study** entitled “Habitat Mapping and Assessment of Northeast Wind Energy Areas. (December 2017) [<https://www.boem.gov/espis/5/5647.pdf>].

NOAA – dealing with shipwrecks past



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) posted a **blog** discussing efforts of it and the US Coast Guard to address remediation of underwater legacy environmental threats (RULET) – in other words, old shipwrecks. (10/31/18)
[https://blog.response.restoration.noaa.gov/how-ghosts-shipwrecks-past-continue-haunt-us-waters?utm_medium=email&utm_source=GovDelivery].

IMO – marine plastic litter from ships



The IMO issued a **news release** stating that an action plan has been adopted for dealing with marine plastic litter from ships. (10/30/18)
[<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/PressBriefings/Pages/20-marinelitteractionmecp73.aspx>].

ReCAAP – piracy warning



The ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre issued a **warning** stating that information has been received that the Abu Sayyaf Group is planning to conduct kidnapping activities at any opportune time in undisclosed area in Sabah primarily targeting businessmen or ship's crew of foreign vessels transiting waters of Eastern Sabah and the Sulu-Celebes Seas. (10/30/18)
[<http://www.recaap.org/resources/ck/files/alerts/2018/Warning%2001-10-2018.pdf>].

Australia – ghost fishing



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued a **news release** concerning environmental threats posed by abandoned, lost, and discarded fishing gear – 'ghost fishing'. (10/30/18)
[<https://www.amsa.gov.au/news-community/news-and-media-releases/ghost-nets>].

UK – allisions due to anchor dragging



The UK Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) issued the report of its investigation of the cargo vessel Celtic Spirit dragging its anchor during heavy weather and alliding with the research and survey vessel Atlantic Explorer and the general cargo vessel Celtic Warrior on the River Humber on 1 March 2018. The probable cause of the incident was the failure to deploy sufficient anchor cable combined with watchkeeping errors. **Report 18-2018** (10/31/18)

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5bd8374540f0b6051e77b6c0/2018_-_18_-_Celtic_Spirit.pdf].

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