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NTSB – hearing re fatal passenger vessel fire



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) issued a **news release** stating that it will meet on 11 December to determine the probable cause of the 14 January 2018 fire aboard the passenger vessel *Island Lady* in the waters of the Pithlachascotee River near Port Richey, Florida that took one life and injured 14 others. (11/8/18) [<https://www.nts.gov/news/press-releases/Pages/NR20181108b.aspx>].

DHS – cybersecurity agency to be formed



The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued a **news release** stating that Congress has passed and is sending to the President legislation to create a cybersecurity agency within DHS. (11/13/18)

[<https://www.dhs.gov/news/2018/11/13/congress-passes-legislation-standing-cybersecurity-agency-dhs>].

Louisiana – Sabine Pass LNG expansion proposal



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) seeks comments on an application from Sabine Pass LNG for authorization to site, construct, and operate an expansion of its existing facility. Comments must be received by 28 November. **83 Fed. Reg. 57000** (11/15/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-11-15/pdf/2018-24872.pdf>].

FMC – PierPass update to enter into effect



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a **news release** stating that it is taking no action to prevent the update of PierPass under the West Coast MTO Agreement on 19 November. (11/14/18) [https://www.fmc.gov/updates_to_pierpass_will_go_into_effect/].

Senate – Coast Guard Authorization Act



The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation issued a **news release** stating that agreement has been reached on a **revised Coast Guard Authorization Act**. The bill creates a new approach for regulating ballast water discharges from vessels while recognizing special regional situations. (11/12/18)

[<https://www.commerce.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/pressreleases?ID=E9319560-EAD2-4263-A14D-5818C1DCoCAE>]. *Note 1: The revised bill was adopted by unanimous consent and will be transmitted to the House for consideration. Note 2: This item was brought to my attention by my good friend Alan Spackman.*

EMSA – marine casualties and incidents



The European Maritime Safety Administration (EMSA) issued a **press release** announcing availability of its annual overview of marine casualties and incidents. (11/14/18) [<http://www.emsa.europa.eu/emsa-homepage/2->

news-a-press-centre/news/3406-annual-overview-of-marine-casualties-and-incidents-2018.html].

Singapore – recent MSC resolutions



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a circular of recent resolutions adopted by the IMO Maritime Safety Committee. **Shipping Circular 14-2018** (11/14/18) [<https://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/port-of-singapore/circulars-and-notices/detail/7accd650-8c0c-4da0-90a6-21bcfa1efod6>].

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