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## **White House – Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Act**



The White House announced that President Trump signed into law the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Act of 2018 ([H.R. 3359](https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115hr3359enr/pdf/BILLS-115hr3359enr.pdf)) (11/16/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115hr3359enr/pdf/BILLS-115hr3359enr.pdf>].

## **White House – two nominations to FMC**



The White House issued a **notice** stating that ten nominations have been submitted to the Senate for Advice and Consent, including to the Federal Maritime Commission (FMC): Daniel B. Maffei (a reappointment) and L.E. Sola. (11/16/18) [<https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/ten-nominations-one-withdraw-sent-senate/>].

### **USCG – Strategic Plan 2018-2022**



The US Coast Guard posted its **Strategic Plan 2018-2022**. The plan identifies three strategic priorities: (1) Maximize Readiness Today and Tomorrow; (2) Address the Nation's Complex Maritime Challenges; and (3) Deliver Mission Excellence Anytime, Anywhere. (11/16/18) [<https://www.uscg.mil/alwaysready/>].

### **USCG – NMSAC meeting summary**



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** summarizing the recent meeting of the National Maritime Security Advisory Committee (NMSAC). (11/16/18) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/11/16/11-16-2018-recap-of-recent-national-maritime-security-advisory-committee-meeting/>].

### **NASA – PNT Advisory Board meeting 5 December**



The National Space-Based Positioning, Navigation, and Timing (PNT) Advisory Board, sponsored by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), will meet on 5 December in Redondo Beach. Topics on the agenda include GPS modernization; future PNT architecture alternatives; and methods to protect, toughen, and augment access to GPS. **83 Fed. Reg. 58301** (11/19/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-11-19/pdf/2018-25200.pdf>].

### **Cape Cod Canal – hydrokinetic project proposal**



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) received a notice of intent to file a license application for a hydrokinetic pilot project on the

Cape Cod Canal. Comments must be received by 20 December. **83 Fed. Reg. 58242** (11/19/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-11-19/pdf/2018-25175.pdf>].

### Jacksonville – Eagle LNG Partners draft EIS



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a **news release** stating that a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) has been prepared for the Eagle LNG Partner's Jacksonville Project. Comments must be received by 7 January. (11/16/18) [<https://www.ferc.gov/industries/gas/enviro/eis/2018/11-16-18-DEIS.asp?csrt=18310888362695097991>].

### DOE – LNG import and export



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a notice summarizing recent orders regarding the import and export of LNG. **83 Fed. Reg. 58237** (11/19/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-11-19/pdf/2018-25167.pdf>].

### BOEM – NY Bight Renewable Energy Task Force



The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) issued a **press release** stating that the New York Bight Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Force will meet on 28 November in New York City. (11/15/18) [<https://www.boem.gov/note11152018/>].

### St. Lawrence Seaway – closing of 2018 navigation season



The Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway System issued a notice announcing that Montreal-Lake Ontario section of the system and the Welland Canal will close at 12:00 hours on 31 December. The Soo Locks are scheduled to close on 15 January 2019. **Seaway Notice 12-2018** (11/16/18) [<http://www.greatlakes-seaway.com/en/pdf/navigation/notice20181116.pdf>].

### UNCTAD – Review of Maritime Trade 2018



The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) issued the **Review of Maritime Transport 2018**. Global seaborne trade is doing well, supported by the 2017 upswing in the world economy, but there are downside risks looming with the rise of trade protectionism. (11/15/18) [<https://unctad.org/en/pages/PublicationWebflyer.aspx?publicationid=2245>].

### **Gulf of St. Lawrence – speed restrictions lifted**



Transport Canada issued a **news release** stating that mandatory speed restrictions in the Gulf of St. Lawrence have been lifted. (11/15/18) [<https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2018/11/transport-canada-lifts-mandatory-speed-restriction-in-the-gulf-of-st-lawrence.html>].

### **Prestige sinking and oil spill – 19 November 2002**



On 19 November 2002, the single-hull Aframax tanker **PRESTIGE** broke in two and sank in waters of the North Atlantic off the northwest coast of Spain. It had been carrying a cargo of 77,000 metric tons of heavy fuel oil from Russia and Latvia to Singapore when it encountered heavy weather on 13 November. It suffered structural failures and developed a substantial list. A distress call was made to Spanish authorities. The crew was evacuated shortly before the ship broke up. Much of the oil onboard was **spilled** immediately, and much of that came ashore on the beaches of Spain and Portugal and, to a lesser extent, France. Oil that remained onboard the wreck slowly seeped out and also came ashore. Remotely operated vehicles (ROVs) were used to remove much of the remaining oil. In the aftermath, the European Union tightened its marine environmental protection regulations and pressed the International Maritime Organization (IMO) to take action. The phase-out dates for single-hull oil tankers were accelerated and restrictions were placed on the carriage of heavy fuel oil as cargo in single-hull tankers. In a major miscarriage of justice, the master of the Prestige was arrested and held in Spain for an inordinate period on charges of impeding the movement of the tanker during the crisis. The Kingdom of Spain brought suit against the American Bureau of Shipping for negligent classification of the tanker. The suit was eventually dismissed for lack of evidence. The criminal trial in Spain of the master and various others eventually ended with the master convicted of disobeying an order issued by the Spanish government.

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