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## **NTSB – small passenger vessel fire**



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) issued report of its investigation of the 14 January 2018 fire that broke out in an unmanned space on the small passenger vessel *Island Lady* near Port Richey, Florida, during a scheduled transit to a casino boat located about 9 miles offshore in the Gulf of Mexico. Fifty-three people were on board the vessel. The probable cause of the

fire was the owner's ineffective preventive maintenance program and insufficient guidance regarding the response to engine high-temperature conditions, which resulted in the captain's continued operation of an engine that was overheating due to a cooling water pump failure, leading to ignition of the exhaust tubing and surrounding structure. Contributing to the spread of the fire was the lack of fire detection in the vessel's lazarette, which was not required by regulations and which allowed the fire to take hold unbeknownst to the crew. **MAR 18-02** (12/20/18) [<https://www.nts.gov/investigations/AccidentReports/Reports/MAR1802.pdf>].

### **USCG – incident response lessons learned**



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** summarizing its presentation at the recent Clean Gulf 2018 conference concerning two significant marine casualty incidents. (12/20/18) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/12/20/12-20-2018-clean-gulf-2018-recap-incident-response-lessons-learned/>].

### **Hudson River – Tappan Zee Bridge Construction Project**



The US Coast Guard has extended, until 31 December 2019, the temporary regulated navigation area (RNA) and safety zone for the Tappan Zee Bridge Construction Project on the Hudson River. **83 Fed. Reg. 65521** (12/21/18) [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2018-12-21/pdf/2018-27669.pdf>].

### **Sabine Pass – proposed anchorage ground changes**



The US Coast Guard proposes to amend the anchorage ground regulations for the Sabine Pass Channel due to the new LNG terminal mooring basin being constructed. Comments must be received by 22 January 2019. **83 Fed. Reg. 65609** (12/21/18) [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2018-12-21/pdf/2018-27699.pdf>].

### **USCG – Alaskan Arctic Coast Port Access Route Study**



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that it is conducting an Alaskan Arctic Coast Port Access Route Study (AACPARS). Comments must be submitted by 1 September 2019. **83 Fed. Reg. 65701** (12/21/18) [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2018-12-21/pdf/2018-27604.pdf>].

## USACE – GLMR Interbasin Study



The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has extended, until 7 January 2019, the period within which to submit comments on the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study – Brandon Road Integrated Feasibility Study and Environmental Impact Statement – Will County, Illinois. **83 Fed. Reg. 65643** (12/21/18) [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2018-12-21/pdf/2018-27739.pdf>].

## FERC – Annova LNG Brownsville draft EIS



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a notice stating that a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) has been prepared for the proposed Annova LNG Brownsville project. Comments must be received by 4 February 2019. **83 Fed. Reg. 65650** (12/21/18) [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2018-12-21/pdf/2018-27638.pdf>].

## DOS – meeting on 12 February re PPR 6



The Department of State (DOS) issued a notice stating that an open meeting will be held on 12 February 2019 in Washington, DC to prepare for the upcoming session of the IMO Sub-Committee on Pollution Prevention and Response (PPR 6). Topics on the agenda include ballast water sampling and analysis; methodologies for enumerating viable organisms; and guidelines for exhaust gas cleaning systems. **83 Fed. Reg. 65783** (12/21/18) [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2018-12-21/pdf/2018-27725.pdf>].

## DOT – INFRA grants funding opportunity



The Department of Transportation (DOT) issued a notice announcing a funding opportunity for Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects (INFRA) grants for FY 2019. Applications must be received by 4 March 2019. **83 Fed. Reg. 65789** (12/21/18) [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2018-12-21/pdf/2018-27725.pdf>].

## CBP – meeting on 1 March re 21st Century Customs Framework



The US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued a notice stating that it will host a public meeting on 1 March 2019 in Washington, DC to discuss issues related to development of the 21st Century Customs Framework. **83 Fed. Reg. 65703** (12/21/18) [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2018-12-21/pdf/2018-27716.pdf>].

## House – bill introduced re technical corrections to USCG Auth Act



Representative Shuster (R-PA) introduced a bill (H.R. 7329) to make technical corrections to provisions of law enacted by the Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (12/19/18).

## Court – maritime lien for wharfage



In an unpublished decision, the US Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit affirmed a maritime lien for wharfage, holding that when a wharf is used without any agreement, the contract is implied and the proprietor is entitled to recover what is just and reasonable. **SPM Management v Motor Yacht Sea Ayre V**, No. 18-1236 (4th Cir., December 20, 2018) [<http://www.ca4.uscourts.gov/opinions/181236.U.pdf>].

## EU – inventory of hazardous materials



The Inventory of Hazardous Materials (IHM) requirements of the EU regulation concerning ship recycling enters into effect on 31 December 2018 for EU-flagged newbuildings. The effective date for existing EU-flagged vessels and for non-EU-flagged vessels, the effective date is 31 December 2020. **Regulation (EU) 1257/2013** (Nov. 20, 2013) [[http://www.eagle.org/eagleExternalPortalWEB/ShowProperty/BEA%20Repository/pdfs/Regulatory/Docs/EUReg1257\\_2013](http://www.eagle.org/eagleExternalPortalWEB/ShowProperty/BEA%20Repository/pdfs/Regulatory/Docs/EUReg1257_2013)].

## Australia – pre-loading info for livestock vessels



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued a notice providing pre-loading cargo information for livestock vessels. **Marine Notice 5-2018** (12/19/18) [<https://www.amsa.gov.au/about/regulations-and-standards/pre-loading-cargo-information-livestock-vessels-marine-notice-201805>].

## Australia – sulphur emission limitations



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued a notice regarding limitations on sulphur emissions from cruise vessels while berthed in Sydney. **Marine Notice 6-2018** (12/20/18) [<https://www.amsa.gov.au/about/regulations-and-standards/limitation-sulphur-emissions-cruise-vessels-while-berth-sydney>].

## Australia – livestock carrier released for repair voyage



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued a **media release** stating that the livestock carrier Jawan has been released from detention for a repair voyage to Singapore. (12/20/18) [<https://www.amsa.gov.au/news-community/news-and-media-releases/mv-jawan-released-detention-repair-voyage>].

## Winter/Summer Solstice – 2223 UTC, 21 December 2018



At 2223 UTC (Universal Coordinated Time) today the sun collided with the Tropic of Capricorn. In the past, we might have used Greenwich Mean Time or GMT, but that was so 20th Century. For those in the Northern Hemisphere, this will be the longest night of the year – hopefully you sleep well. For those in the Southern Hemisphere, this was the longest day of the year – hopefully you are pacing yourselves. For those in an alternate universe, carry on.

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