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## **DOS – meeting on 16 January re SDC 6 - CANCELLED**



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** stating that the public meeting scheduled for today, 16 January 2019, by the Department of State (DOS) to prepare for the upcoming session of the IMO Sub-Committee on Ship Design and Construction (SDC 6) has been cancelled due to the lapse in government funding. (1/15/19) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2019/01/15/1-15-2019-notice-of-postponement-public-meeting-for-imo-sub-committee-on-ship-design-and-construction/>].

## **USN – Pensacola Lighthouse anniversary**



The US Navy issued a **news release** stating that a ceremony was held on 11 January to mark the 160th anniversary of Pensacola Lighthouse. The

lighthouse, managed by the US Coast Guard, is located on Naval Air Station Pensacola and its operation has been automated. (1/14/19)  
[[https://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story\\_id=108303](https://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=108303)].

### Senate – bill introduced re federal employee pay



Senator Johnson (R-WI) introduced a bill (S. 113) to appropriate funds for pay and allowances of excepted Federal employees, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but Senator Johnson issued a **press release** explaining the measure. (1/14/19)  
[<https://www.ronjohnson.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/press-releases?ID=D7F9ACA1-6FED-43A0-AC0D-04CFC6E9143A>].

### Court – bunker delivery dispute



In an unpublished decision, the US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit affirmed the lower court ruling in favor of third party defendant lender and dismissed the appeal of plaintiff physical bunker provider in a dispute following the bankruptcy of bunker provider OW Bunker. The court found that the bunkers had not been delivered on order of the vessel owner. **NuStar Energy Services v MV Cosco Auckland**, No. 17-20246 (5th Cir., January 14, 2019)  
[<http://www.ca5.uscourts.gov/opinions/unpub/17/17-20246.o.pdf>].

### NYC – ferry system expansion



The City of New York issued a **news release** announcing plans for an expansion of the NYC Ferry System in 2020. (1/14/19)  
[<https://www1.nyc.gov/office-of-the-mayor/news/028-19/mayor-de-blasio-expands-nyc-ferry-system-connecting-all-five-boroughs#/0>].

### ReCAAP – 25% reduction in Asian piracy



The ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre posted its **2018 Annual Report**. The report states that a total of 76 incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships were reported in Asia in 2018, compared to 102 incidents reported in 2017, a 25% reduction. (1/15/19)  
[<http://www.recaap.org/resources/ck/files/reports/annual/ReCAAP%20ISC%20Annual%20Report%202018.pdf>].

## Canada – timber deck cargoes



Transport Canada issued a Ship Safety Bulletin (SSB) clarifying requirements regarding the maximum height of timber deck cargoes above the ship's weather deck and the measurement of the height. **SSB 01-2019** (1/2/19) [<http://www.tc.gc.ca/media/documents/marinesafety/SSB-01-2019E.pdf>].

## Canada – oil removed from sunken wreck



The Canadian Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that 208.7 cubic meters of oil has been removed from the wreck of the bulker Manolis L. The vessel sank in 1985 in waters off Newfoundland and Labrador, where it lay dormant until it started leaking in 2013. (1/10/19) [<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-coast-guard/news/2019/01/coast-guard-announces-amount-of-oil-recovered-during-manolis-l-operation.html>].

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