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Louisiana – two missing after capsizing



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that a search is ongoing near mile marker 18 of the Lower Mississippi River for two persons missing following the capsizing of 32-foot vessel. (1/16/19)

[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/228b2ce>]. A **second news release** states that the search has been suspended. The incident is under investigation. (1/17/19)

[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/228f58e>].

Note: Unofficial sources indicate that the vessel, with five persons on board, was participating in a pollution response drill when the casualty occurred. Three of those persons were rescued.

Puerto Rico – man arrested for laser strikes



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that a man has been arrested for multiple laser strikes on a Coast Guard helicopter in Puerto Rico. (1/17/19)
[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/22828ac>].

Florida – three stowaways taken into custody



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that three stowaways have been taken into custody after being found onboard a freighter bound for Miami. (1/17/19)
[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/228d9ba>].

St. Lawrence Seaway – 40.9 million tonnes during 2018



The Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway System issued a [press release](#) stating that 40.9 million tonnes of cargo transited through the Seaway during the 2018 navigation season. (1/17/19) [<http://www.greatlakes-seaway.com/en/news/press-releases/pr20190117.html>].

House – bill introduced to limit maritime liens



Representative Young (R-AK) introduced a bill (H.R. 629) to provide limitations on maritime liens on fishing permits, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (1/16/19).

Canada – risk assessment for vessels of concern



The Government of Canada issued a [news release](#) stating that a contract has been awarded for development of a risk assessment methodology related to hundreds of vessels of concern (abandoned, wrecked, or dilapidated) in Canadian waters or on Crown land. (1/14/19)
[<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-services-procurement/news/2019/01/government-of-canada-prepares-to-assess-level-of-risks-related-to-vessels-of-concern.html>].

Denmark – cyber-security in the maritime sector



The Danish Maritime Authority (DMA) issued a **news release** stating that a new strategy for cyber-security in the maritime sector has been launched. (1/16/19) [<https://www.dma.dk/Presse/Nyheder/Sider/New-strategy-for-cyber-security-in-the-Danish-maritime-sector.aspx>].

UK – LRIT adjustment re Brexit



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) issued a Marine Information Note (MIN) stating that as of 24 January 2019, the UK's own LRIT data centre will go live. All UK flagged ships will automatically transmit their LRIT data to the UK data centre rather than EMSA CDC. **MIN 586 (M)** (1/17/19) [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/771566/MIN586_Publish.pdf].

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