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## **US – temporary federal funding approved**



A **continuing resolution** has passed both the Senate and the House and has been signed by the President. The measure provides for funding, through 15 February, for all federal agencies for which a regular appropriation has not been enacted. It will take several days, at least, for operations at these agencies to return to what passes for normal. Recovery from some impacts of the shutdown, though, will take much longer. In the meantime, below are several

USCG items related to these issues. (1/25/19)  
[<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/BILLS-116hjres28enr/pdf/BILLS-116hjres28enr.pdf>].

### USCG – timeframes for pay and back pay



The US Coast Guard posted a **notice** regarding the expected timeframe for receipt of pay and back pay by active duty military personnel, retirees, and civilian employees now that funding has been restored. (1/26/19) [<https://www.dcms.uscg.mil/budget/>]. Admiral Schultz issued an **email** expressing his appreciation for the hard work and dedication of the Coast Guard family during the lapse in appropriations. (1/25/19) [[https://www.dcms.uscg.mil/Portals/10/2019\\_budget/CCG%20Email-final.pdf?ver=2019-01-25-221018-390](https://www.dcms.uscg.mil/Portals/10/2019_budget/CCG%20Email-final.pdf?ver=2019-01-25-221018-390)].

### USCG – commercial vessel safety impacts



The US Coast Guard issued a Marine Safety Information Bulletin (MSIB) explaining some of the agency's commercial vessel safety functions impacted by the lapse in appropriations. **MSIB 01-19** (1/24/19) [[https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/5p/MSIB/2019/MSIB\\_001\\_19.pdf](https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/5p/MSIB/2019/MSIB_001_19.pdf)].

### USCG – MSC mitigation efforts



The USCG Marine Safety Center (MSC) issued a **bulletin** detailing measures taken to mitigate the impact on merchant mariners of the lapse in appropriations. (1/24/19) [[https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/NMC/pdfs/announcements/2019/fiscal\\_year\\_appropriations\\_mitigation\\_update\\_20190124.pdf](https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/NMC/pdfs/announcements/2019/fiscal_year_appropriations_mitigation_update_20190124.pdf)].

### USCG – STCW mitigation efforts



The USCG Marine Safety Center (MSC) issued a **bulletin** detailing measures taken to mitigate the impact on merchant mariners with an STCW endorsement of the lapse in appropriations. (1/25/19) [[https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/NMC/pdfs/announcements/2019/stcw\\_fiscal\\_year\\_appropriations\\_mitigation\\_20190125.pdf](https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/NMC/pdfs/announcements/2019/stcw_fiscal_year_appropriations_mitigation_20190125.pdf)].

## Hudson River – vessel breakaways in heavy ice



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that assistance is being rendered to a number of vessels and barges on the Hudson River near Troy, New York that broke away from their moorings due to heavy ice (1/25/19) [<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/22aboea>].

## USCG – deterring IUU fishing in the South Pacific



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** concerning its South Pacific patrols that enforce international fishing conventions and deter illegal, unregulated, and unreported (IUU) fishing. (1/26/19) [<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/22adb61>].

## USCG – rescue by off-duty Coast Guard civilian



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that a distressed surfer in Humboldt Bay, California was rescued by an off-duty Coast Guard civilian employee. (1/24/19) [<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/22a92ba>].

## USCG – revisions to VRP SMFF GSAs



The US Coast Guard posted a **bulletin** providing holders of vessel response plans (VRPs) information on the latest revisions of the four core salvage and marine firefighting (SMFF) geographic specific appendices (GSAs). VRPs should be updated as necessary to reflect these revisions. (1/24/19) [[http://www.brymar-consulting.com/wp-content/uploads/Misc/VRP\\_SMFF\\_update\\_190124.pdf](http://www.brymar-consulting.com/wp-content/uploads/Misc/VRP_SMFF_update_190124.pdf)].

## Senate – roundtable on US role in Arctic



The Senate Committee on Energy & Natural Resources issued a **notice** stating that on 24 January it conducted a roundtable to discuss the United States' overall role in the Arctic from a domestic and international perspective. (1/24/19) [<https://www.energy.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/hearings-and-business-meetings?ID=E64356A5-F88C-4C56-8AE8-7670E8DBD185>].

## Court – CBA overrules LMRA



The US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit ruled that the claim of a worker on an offshore platform for overtime pay and related benefits under the federal Labor Management Relations Act (LMRA) was inappropriate because he was working under a qualifying collective bargaining agreement (CBA). **Curtis v Irwin Industries**, No. 16-56515 (9th Cir., January 25, 2019) [<http://cdn.ca9.uscourts.gov/datastore/opinions/2019/01/25/16-56515.pdf>].

## World Bank – economic impacts of GHG mitigation policies



The World Bank Group issued a **report** entitled ‘Understanding the Economic Impacts of Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Policies on Shipping’. (January 2019) [<http://documents.worldbank.org/curated/en/718061546900387225/pdf/133417-REVISED-WP-PUBLIC-World-Bank-Shipping-Economic-Modelling-Executive-Summary-2019-01-22.pdf>].

## UK – poor pilotage plan



The UK Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) issued the report of its investigation regarding the 27 March 2018 grounding of a general cargo ship on a stone training wall in the approach channel to the River Neath, Wales. A harbor pilot had control of steering and speed. The vessel was quickly refloated, but suffered extensive shell plate damage, which resulted in water ingress. The primary cause of the grounding was that a detailed pilotage plan had not been made and the master/pilot exchange did not cover all hazards, including that posed by the training walls. **Report 01-2019** (1/24/19) [[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5c47021be5274a6e49801coe/MAIBInvReport1\\_2019.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5c47021be5274a6e49801coe/MAIBInvReport1_2019.pdf)].

## UK – emerging maritime technology



The UK Department for Transport (DfT) issued a **news release** stating that it intends for the UK to be the preeminent global test-bed for emerging maritime technology. (1/24/19) [<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-to-lead-charge-in-emerging-maritime-technology>].

## Establishment of US Coast Guard – 28 January 1915



The United States Coast Guard was created by **Act of Congress** on 28 January 1915, when the Life-Saving Service was combined with the Revenue-Cutter Service. From the beginning, the Coast Guard constituted part of the military forces of the United States. It operated (at that time) under the Treasury Department in time of peace and as part of the Navy in time of war or when the President shall so direct. *Semper Paratus!*

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