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USCG – cyber security suspicious incident



USCG Sector Miami issued a Marine Safety Information Bulletin advising that the master of a commercial vessel recently received a suspicious email requesting sensitive information concerning the vessel, crew, and cargo. The master reported the incident and forwarded the email to the local USCG COTP. Mariners are reminded of the recent USCG policy letter outlining criteria

for regulated vessels and facilities to report suspicious activity (SA) and breaches of security (BoS) including cyber incidents. **MSIB 19-02** (2/5/19) [http://www.brymar-consulting.com/wp-content/uploads/Misc/MSIB_19-02.pdf].

USCG – security zones in south Florida



The US Coast Guard proposes to amend security zones in Palm Beach, Port Everglades, Miami, and Key West. Comments must be received by 11 March. **84 Fed. Reg. 2479** (2/7/19) [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-02-07/pdf/2019-01468.pdf>].

USCG – NOSAC charter renewed



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that the charter of the National Offshore Safety Advisory Committee (NOSAC) has been renewed. **84 Fed. Reg. 2558** (2/7/19) [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-02-07/pdf/2019-01424.pdf>].

DHS – TWIC program evaluation



The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued a notice stating that it seeks comments on an assessment of how effective the transportation security card (TWIC) program is at enhancing security and reducing security risks for regulated maritime facilities and vessels. Comments must be received by 8 April. **84 Fed. Reg. 2564** (2/7/19) [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-02-07/pdf/2019-01377.pdf>].

USACE & EPA – ‘waters of the United States’



The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a notice stating that a public meeting will be held in Kansas City, Kansas on 27 and 28 February regarding the definition of ‘waters of the United States’. **84 Fed. Reg. 2483** (2/7/19) [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-02-07/pdf/2019-01483.pdf>].

FMC – civil penalty inflation adjustment



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) promulgated an inflation adjustment to its civil monetary penalties. [84 Fed. Reg. 2459](#) (2/7/19) [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-02-07/pdf/2019-01429.pdf>].

FMC – complaint re PR Enhanced Security Fee



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a notice stating that a complaint has been received from Toyota alleging that the Enhanced Security Fee that it was charged in Puerto Rico was unconstitutional. [84 Fed. Reg. 2506](#) (2/7/19) [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-02-07/pdf/2019-01503.pdf>].

EPA – \$2 million for PANYNJ truck replacement



The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a [news release](#) stating that \$2 million in grants are being provided to the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to reduce air pollution by replacing up to 80 model year 2006 and older short-haul trucks with cleaner, newer trucks. (2/6/19) [<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-provide-2-million-grants-port-authority-areas-new-york-and-new-jersey-reduce-air>].

House – bill introduced to limit maritime liens



Representative Young (R-AK) introduced the [Maritime Lien Reform Act of 2019](#) (H.R. 629) to provide limitations on maritime liens on fishing permits, and for other purposes. (1/16/19) [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/BILLS-116hr629ih/pdf/BILLS-116hr629ih.pdf>].

House – bill introduced re waters of the United States



Representative Herrera Beutler (R-WA) introduced the [Regulatory Certainty for Navigable Waters Act](#) (H.R. 667) to repeal the Waters of the United States rule and amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act definition of

navigable waters, and for other purposes. (1/17/19)
[<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/BILLS-116hr667ih/pdf/BILLS-116hr667ih.pdf>].

House – bill introduced re Maritime Washington NHA



Representative Kilmer (D-WA) introduced a bill (H.R. 975) to establish the Maritime Washington National Heritage Area in the State of Washington, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (2/5/19).

House – resolution re US Navy rebuilding



Representative Banks (R-IN) introduced a resolution (**H.Res. 99**) expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that there is a need to rebuild the Navy and ensure that it is prepared to engage with adversaries around the world through an increased investment in the United States naval power. (2/5/19) [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/BILLS-116hres99ih/pdf/BILLS-116hres99ih.pdf>].

UN – crime on the high seas



The UN Security Council issued a **news release** stating that crime on the high seas is becoming increasingly sophisticated, endangering human life on land, the economic growth of entire regions and global safety. (2/5/19) [<https://www.un.org/press/en/2019/sc13691.doc.htm>].

IMO – Women in Maritime



The IMO issued a **news release** concerning its Women in Maritime gender program. (2/6/19)
[<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/PressBriefings/Pages/02-womeninmaritimelogo.aspx>].

Ireland – EU regulation on ship recycling



The Irish Department of Transport, Tourism, and Sport issued a notice stating that the EU regulation on ship recycling has entered into Irish law. **Notice 04-2019** (2/6/19)

[<http://www.dttas.ie/sites/default/files/mn%2004%20of%202019%20Implementation%20Regulation%20on%20Ship%20Recycling.pdf>].

UK – provision of mandatory information



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) issued **guidance** regarding how vessels should provide mandatory reporting information to the MCA. (2/6/19) [<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/how-to-provide-mandatory-vessel-reporting-information-to-the-mca>].

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