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USCG – 23rd application for BWMS type approval



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** stating that the Marine Safety Center (MSC) received its 23rd application for ballast water management system (BWMS) type approval, this one for the HK-S€ BWMS manufactured by Miura Co., Ltd. (2/11/19) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2019/02/11/2-11-2019-marine-safety-center-receives-23rd-application-for-ballast-water-management-system-type-approval/>].

COAC – meeting on 27 February



The Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee (COAC), sponsored by the US Customs and Border Protection (CBP), will meet in Washington, DC on 27 February. Topics on the agenda include CTPAT minimum security criteria and mapping supply chains to address e-commerce threats. **84**

Fed. Reg. 3217 (2/11/19) [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-02-11/pdf/2019-01802.pdf>].

House – resolution introduced re sea level rise



Representative Rooney (R-FL) introduced a resolution (**H.Res. 112**) expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that sea level rise and flooding are of urgent concern impacting Florida that require proactive measures for community planning and the State's tourism-based economy to adapt. (2/7/19) [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/BILLS-116hres112ih/pdf/BILLS-116hres112ih.pdf>].

Australia – Queensland Coastal Passage Plan



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued a **media release** stating that a new Queensland Coastal Passage Plan has been published to prepare vessels for transit through environmentally sensitive areas such as the Great Barrier Reef and Torres Strait. (2/8/19) [<https://www.amsa.gov.au/news-community/news-and-media-releases/new-queensland-coastal-passage-plan>].

New Zealand – burst air cylinder causes fatality



The New Zealand Transport Accident Investigation Commission (TAIC) issued the report of its investigation of a burst nitrogen cylinder causing a crew fatality on a cruise ship. The nitrogen cylinder burst at below its normal working pressure because severe external corrosion had reduced the wall thickness to about 30% of its original thickness. There is an urgent need for consistent and proper standards to be developed at a global level for maintaining, inspecting, testing and, where necessary, replacing high-pressure cylinders associated with stored energy systems on board ships. **MO-2017-203** (1/17/19) [<https://taic.org.nz/sites/default/files/inquiry/documents/MO-2017-203%20Final.pdf>].

Sinking of SS Marine Electric – 12 February 1983



The SS Marine Electric sank during a storm in the North Atlantic on 12 February 1983. Of the 34 crew members on board, three survived, but only after enduring 90 minutes in extremely cold water. The ship had passed all required inspections and surveys, but the subsequent **USCG**

Marine Casualty Report revealed the inspections and surveys to have been perfunctory. As a result, inspection standards were drastically improved. In addition, carriage of survival suits became mandatory for ships on winter routes and the Coast Guard rescue swimmer program was initiated. The circumstances are detailed in Robert Frump's book "Until the Sea Shall Free Them".

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