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## USCG – fire on icebreaker Polar Star



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that a fire broke out in the incinerator room of the icebreaker USCGC Polar Star, about 650 miles north of McMurdo Sound, Antarctica. The fire has been extinguished and temporary repairs are being made. No injuries were reported and the cause of the fire is under investigation. The 43-year-old vessel recently completed Operation Deep Freeze, enabling the resupply of US Antarctic bases, and is underway enroute its homeport of Seattle. (2/28/19)

[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/22ec6f1>].

## USCG – Steamboat Inspection Act of 1871



The US Coast Guard issued a [bulletin](#) commemorating passage on this date of the Congressional Act of February 28, 1871 (16 Stat. L. 440), otherwise known as the [Steamboat Inspection Act](#). The statute combined all the practical features of previous vessel inspection laws with a number of new requirements to

form a coherent and unified body of law. (2/28/19) [[http://www.brymar-consulting.com/wp-content/uploads/Misc/Steamboat\\_Inspection\\_Act\\_18710228.pdf](http://www.brymar-consulting.com/wp-content/uploads/Misc/Steamboat_Inspection_Act_18710228.pdf)].

### **MARAD – Marine Highway Project Designation open season**



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) issued a notice announcing that open season for Marine Highway Project Designation submissions is being extended to 31 January 2022. **84 Fed. Reg. 7168** (3/1/19) [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-03-01/pdf/2019-03598.pdf>].

### **DOE – SPR crude oil sale**



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a **news release** announcing that it will sell up to 6 million barrels of Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) crude oil. Bids must be received by 13 March. (2/28/19) [<https://www.energy.gov/articles/doe-announces-notice-sale-crude-oil-strategic-petroleum-reserve>].

### **Protection Against Piracy Act – 3 March 1819**



The US Congress in 1819 enacted into law a statute to protect the commerce of the United States and punish the crime of piracy. Among other things, it authorized the use of public armed vessels (the US Navy and the US Revenue Cutter Service), with suitable instructions to the commanders thereof, in protecting merchant vessels of the United States and their crews from piratical aggressions and depredations. It also authorized merchant vessels to oppose and defend against aggression by a private armed vessel. Any person convicted of piracy as defined by the law of nations was to be punished with death. **3 Stat. 510** (March 3, 1819).

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