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USCG – FV Destination investigation



The US Coast Guard posted the **report** of the Marine Board of Investigation into the 11 February 2017 loss of the crabber Destination with its crew of six in the Bering Sea near St. George Island. Among other things, the report found that the vessel, when it left port, was overloaded and did not meet minimum stability standards required by a federal regulation. (3/3/19) [https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/5p/CG-5PC/INV/docs/boards/ReportOfInvestigation_DESTINATION_Final.pdf?ver=2019-03-03-120839-710].

USCG – impacts of modifications on stability



The US Coast Guard issued **Findings of Concern** relating to the impacts of modifications, alterations, and weight creep on stability, particularly for fishing vessels. (3/3/19)
[https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/5p/CG-5PC/INV/foc/FoC_2019-006_ImpactsOfModificationAlterationsAndWeightCreepOnStability.pdf?ver=2019-03-03-121021-913].

USCG – NMC mitigation efforts



The USCG National Maritime Center (NMC) issued a **bulletin** providing an updated list of actions being taken to mitigate impacts caused by the lapse in appropriations. (3/1/19)
[https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/NMC/pdfs/announcements/2019/fiscal_year_appropriations_mitigation_update_01MAR2019.pdf].

Florida – modernizing safety and security zones



The US Coast Guard promulgated a final rule removing unneeded regulated navigation areas, safety zones, security zones, and special local regulations from waters of the Seventh Coast Guard District. The rule enters into effect on 3 April. **84 Fed. Reg. 7285** (3/4/19)
[<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-03-04/pdf/2019-03844.pdf>].

Chicago – safety zone near Chicago Lock



The US Coast Guard promulgated a final rule modifying the Chicago Navy Pier Southeast safety zone to alleviate congestion near the Chicago Lock during regularly scheduled fireworks events. The rule enters into effect on 3 April. **84 Fed. Reg. 7290** (3/4/19) [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-03-04/pdf/2019-03777.pdf>].

MARAD – DWP license application



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) issued a notice stating that an application has been received from SPOT Terminal Services LLC for licensing of a deepwater port (DWP) in waters of the Gulf of Mexico off Galveston for crude oil export. **84 Fed. Reg. 7413** (3/4/19)
[<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-03-04/pdf/2019-03803.pdf>].

FMC – detention & demurrage investigation



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a **news release** stating that Commissioner Dye is commencing the final phase of her investigation of the detention, demurrage, and free time practices of ocean carriers and marine terminal operators. Innovation teams will meet in Washington, DC to propose changes in industry practices that will emphasize demurrage and detention incentives and boost freight fluidity. The final report to the full Commission is due by 3 September. (3/1/19)
[https://www.fmc.gov/dye_to_begin_last_phase_of_detention__demurrage_investigation/].

Tokyo MOU – CIC re MARPOL Annex VI



The Tokyo MOU issued a **news release** announcing the preliminary results of the recent concentrated inspection campaign (CIC) on MARPOL Annex VI. Of a total of 6,604 vessels, four (0.06%) were detained as a direct result of the campaign. (3/1/19) [<http://www.tokyo-mou.org/doc/Press%20release%20on%20results%20of%20CIC%20on%20MARPOL%20Annex%20VI-final.pdf>].

Canada – vessel abandonment law



Transport Canada issued a **news release** announcing passage by Parliament of the Wrecked, Abandoned or Hazardous Vessels Act (C-64) to address vessel abandonment and owner accountability. (3/11/19)
[<https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2019/02/government-of-canada-marks-the-passage-of-bill-c-64-the-wrecked-abandoned-or-hazardous-vessels-act-to-address-vessel-abandonment-and-ensure-owner-a.html>].

Canada – maritime document verification



Transport Canada issued a Ship Safety Bulletin announcing that mariners' Canadian Maritime Documents can now be verified online. **SSB 02-2019** (2/7/19) [<http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/marinesafety/bulletins-2019-02-eng.htm>].

Panama Canal – maximum authorized draft



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory stating that, effective 29 March, the maximum authorized draft for vessels transiting the neopanamax locks will be 14.02 meters (46.0 feet) tropical fresh water (TFW). **Advisory 06-2019** (2/28/19) [<https://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2019/a-06-2019.pdf>].

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