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### **USCG – national officer/rating endorsements**



The USCG National Maritime Center (NMC) issued a **bulletin** reminding mariners who qualified, prior to 24 March 2014, for national officer and rating endorsements under the STCW Convention that they must apply for continued grandfathering before 24 March 2019. (3/5/19)  
[[https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/NMC/pdfs/announcements/2019/processing\\_endorsement\\_apps\\_exp\\_mar\\_24.pdf?ver=2019-03-05-154100-517](https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/NMC/pdfs/announcements/2019/processing_endorsement_apps_exp_mar_24.pdf?ver=2019-03-05-154100-517)].

## Mississippi River – high water



The US Coast Guard promulgated a temporary rule establishing an emergency safety zone on waters of the Lower Mississippi River between mile markers 405 and 408 due to high water. The safety zone will remain in effect until 15 April or until the high-water event ceases. **84 Fed. Reg. 7995** (3/6/19) [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-03-06/pdf/2019-04014.pdf>].

## Tacoma – RNA amendment proposed



The US Coast Guard proposes to amend the Thea Foss and Wheeler-Osgood regulated navigation area (RNA) for Commencement Bay in Tacoma to include a portion of the Middle Waterway to enhance protection of sediment cap areas in the Superfund cleanup site. Comments must be received by 5 April. **84 Fed. Reg. 8051** (3/6/19) [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-03-06/pdf/2019-04070.pdf>].

## USCG – parasailing



The US Coast Guard issued a Marine Safety Information Bulletin regarding parasailing and the navigation rules and flight safety standards applicable thereto. **MSIB 02-19** (3/5/19) [[https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/5p/MSIB/2019/MSIB\\_002\\_19.pdf?ver=2019-03-05-125124-543](https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/5p/MSIB/2019/MSIB_002_19.pdf?ver=2019-03-05-125124-543)].

## DOE – Calcasieu Pass LNG export authorization



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a **news release** announcing that a long-term order has been issued authorizing the export of domestically produced LNG to Venture Global Calcasieu Pass LLC. (3/5/19) [<https://www.energy.gov/articles/department-energy-authorizes-lng-exports-venture-global-calcasieu-pass-project>].

## NSIDC – February Arctic sea ice report



The National Snow and Ice Data Center (NSIDC) issued a **news release** stating that Arctic sea ice extent for February 2019 was the seventh lowest in the satellite record for the month, tying with 2015. So far this winter, sea ice extent has remained above the 2017 record low maximum. Extent in the northern Barents Sea, which has been quite low in recent years from “Atlantification,” is closer to average this February. Extent is very low in the Bering Sea at the end of February after unusual ice loss throughout the month. In Antarctica, the sea ice minimum may have been reached on both February 28 and March 1. (3/4/19) [<https://nsidc.org/arcticseaicenews/2019/03/ho-hum-february-it-may-be-unless-we-speak-of-the-bering-sea/>].

## NAP – transportation asset management



The National Academies Press issued two publications of interest: (1) **A Guide to Developing Financial Plans and Performance Measures for Transportation Asset Management** and (2) **Benchmarking and Comparative Measurement for Effective Performance Management by Transportation Agencies**. Both publications are available for purchase or for free download. (3/4/19).

## House – hearing re maritime & shipbuilding industries



The House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure issued a **notice** stating that, on March 6, the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation will conduct a hearing entitled: “US Maritime and Shipbuilding Industries: Strategies to Improve Regulation, Economic Opportunities, and Competitiveness”. Testimony will be heard from RADM John Nadeau, US Coast Guard; RADM Mark Buzby, Maritime Administration; RADM Michael Alfultis, SUNY; Ms. Jennifer Carpenter, AWO; Mr. John Crowley, National Association of Waterfront Employers; Mr. Michael Roberts, American Maritime Partnership; and Mr. Augustin Tellez, SIU. (3/5/19) [<https://transportation.house.gov/committee-activity/hearings/us-maritime-and-shipbuilding-industries-strategies-to-improve-regulation-economic-opportunities-and-competitiveness>].

## House – bill introduced re CA coastal study



Representative Lieu (D-CA) introduced a bill (H.R. 1487) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of portions of the Los Angeles coastal area in the State of California to evaluate alternatives for protecting the resources of the coastal area, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (3/4/19).

## EMSA – ballast water sampling guidance



The European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) issued a **document** providing best practice guidance and a harmonized approach to sampling for compliance in accordance with Article 9 of the IMO Ballast Water Convention 2004. This document has been prepared based on IMO Guidelines for Ballast Water Sampling (G2) and related IMO documents and on current knowledge and experience obtained from the 2010 EMSA Study. (3/4/19)

[<http://www.emsa.europa.eu/emsa-homepage/2-news-a-press-centre/news/3472-ballast-water-management-guidance-for-best-practices-on-sampling.html>].

## New Zealand – bulker detained for nonpayment of crew



Maritime New Zealand issued a **media release** stating that the bulk carrier Daiwan Justice has been detained for failure to pay crew wages in a timely manner. The detention was lifted after the crew received their pay. Further compliance actions against the owner are being considered. (3/5/19)

[<https://www.maritimenz.govt.nz/public/news/media-releases-2019/20190305a.asp>].

## Herald of Free Enterprise – 6 March 1987



The **HERALD OF FREE ENTERPRISE** was a double-ended ro-ro car and passenger ferry operating between Bruges-Zeebrougge, Belgium and Dover, England. On 6 March 1987, it departed Bruges-Zeebrougge with a crew of 80, carrying 459 passengers, 81 cars, 3 buses, and 47 trucks. Due to a series of mistakes, the bow doors were not closed prior to leaving port. Upon leaving the harbor and while the ferry was proceeding at over 18 knots, water entered the vehicle deck in large quantities. The free-surface effect of the water impaired

stability and led to the capsizing, which occurred in less than one minute. The sinking resulted in 193 deaths. Following the accident and **investigation**, various changes were made to IMO regulations regarding design and operation of ro-ro passenger vessels. The incident was also the impetus for establishment of the UK **Marine Accident Investigation Branch** (MAIB).

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