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# **SOUTH TEXAS WATERWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (STWAC)**

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- Harbor Safety Committee



South Texas Waterways Advisory Committee  
(STWAC)

NAVIGATION AND VESSEL INSPECTION CIRCULAR NO. 1.

Subj: GUIDANCE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF HARBOR SAFETY COMMITTEES UNDER THE MARINE TRANSPORTATION INITIATIVE

Ref: (a) U.S. Department of Transportation, "An Assessment of the Marine Transportation System: A Report to Congress," September 1999  
(b) COMDTINST 5420.37, Committee Management Policy  
(c) U.S. Coast Guard, "Harbor Safety Committee Study," 2000

1. PURPOSE. The Interagency Committee for the Marine Transportation System will use this document as a vehicle to provide guidance for local coastal system issues such as ports and waterways safety, security, mobility, and efficiency. Reference (a) has called for improved coordination of MTS issues.

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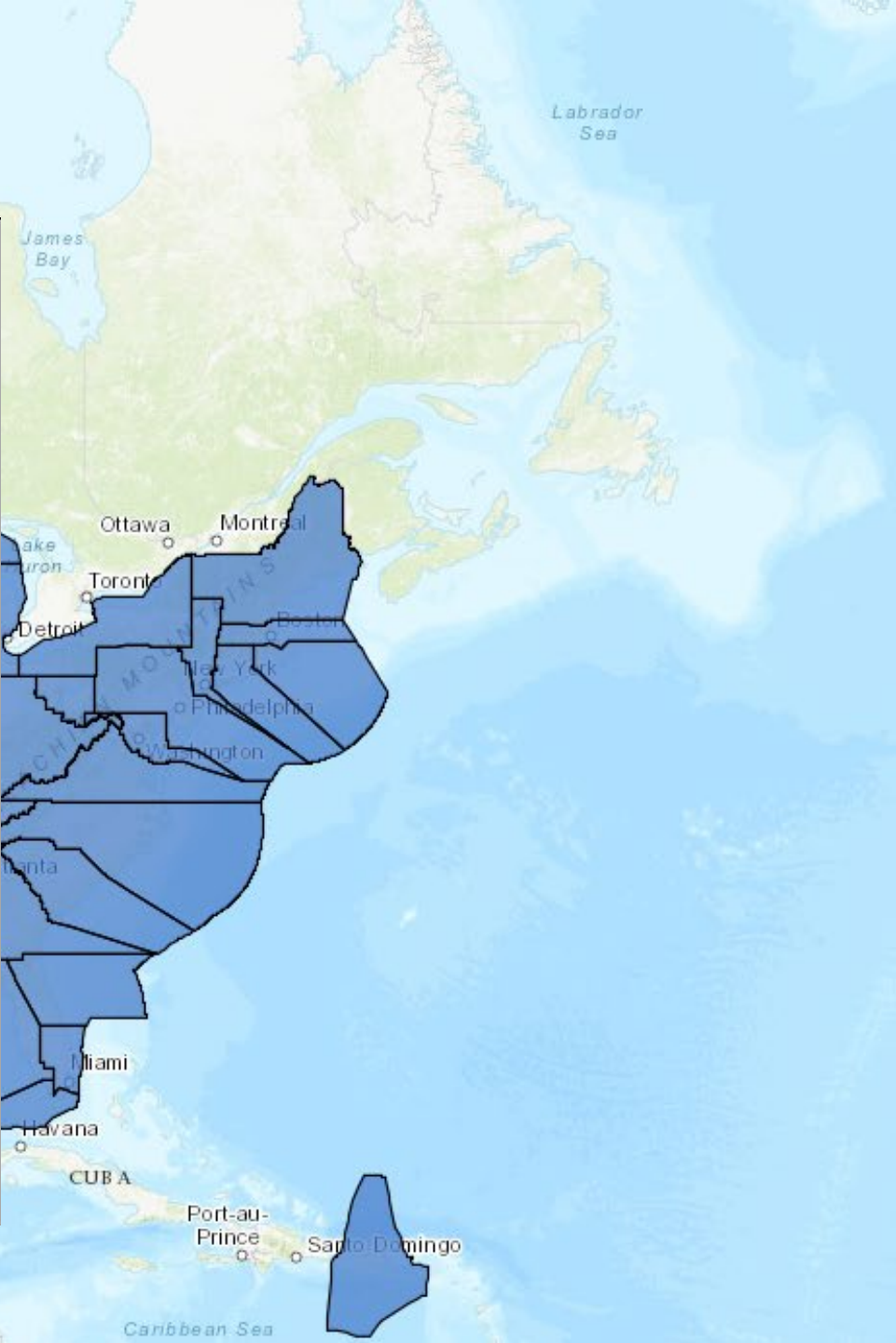
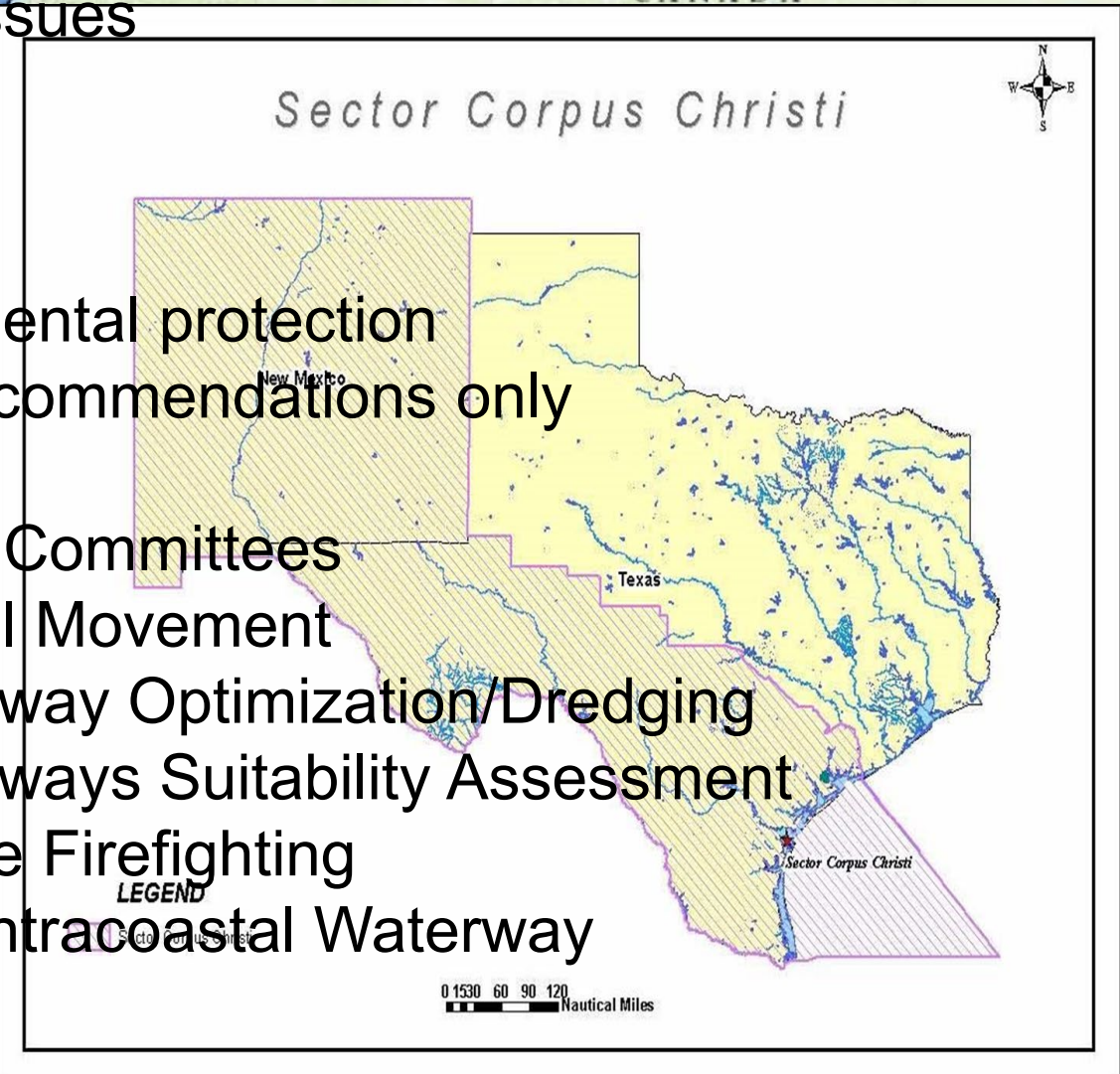
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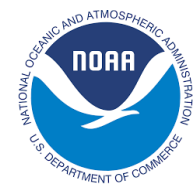
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# STWAC MEMBERSHIP



Aransas-Corpus Christi Pilots



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Operating Industry Groups (Voting)

Government Agency Members (Non-voting)



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# South Texas Waterways Advisory Committee (STWAC) Minutes 10-31-2013

Location: Ortiz Center

Charter of the STWAC voted on and passed by term members

Term members elected:

Chairman - Joe Harrington (Valero)

Vice Chair - John Williams (Pilots)

Steering Committee members elected:

1- Steve Huttman (G&H Towing)

2 - Tony Alejandro (POCCA)

3 - Doug Maaske (Kiewit)

Presentation by Frank Brogan (POCCA) -

Panama Canal project is opening more port market opportunities including but not limited to Grain, Coal and LNG. Eagle Ford Shale is growing in the area. The Port of Corpus Christi is now exporting more crude oil than importing. New facilities being introduced into the port are include Voestalpine and Castleton.

Coast Guard Aids to Navigation (ATON) team stated that they have found 53% of the discrepancies found on the waterways.

Army Corps Of Engineers (ACOE) stated that there has been no delay in work due to recent Furlough. Dredging for Cut B will start on 01 February and continue on until 01 May approximately.

**Port of Corpus Christi  
Pilot Board Meeting  
Tuesday, May 13, 2014 - 8:00 AM**

**AGENDA**

1. Call meeting of the Pilot Board to order and receive conflict of interest affidavits.
2. Approve the minutes of the Pilot Board meeting held on April 8, 2014. 3
3. Receive comments from the public. ***(Each speaker will be limited to three minutes)*** 5
4. Receive a report from Capt. Joe Harrington, Chairman of the South Texas Waterways Advisory Committee (STWAC), regarding the status of the work of STWAC's ad hoc committee on the proposed Fatigue Management Guidelines for the Aransas-Corpus Christi Pilots. 6
5. Acknowledge receipt of letter dated April 25, 2014, from Capt. John Williams, Presiding Officer of the Aransas-Corpus Christi Pilots and Chairman of STWAC's ad hoc committee, regarding the proposal to add the Duties of Additional Pilots to the Pilot Board's Rules and Regulations Governing Pilots and Pilotage on the Corpus Christi Ship Channel. 7
6. Consider and take action on the proposal to add the Duties of Additional Pilots to the Pilot Board's Rules and Regulations Governing Pilots and Pilotage on the Corpus Christi Ship Channel. 9
7. Adjourn.

## NOTICE OF MEETING

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The Port Commission (“Commission”) of the Port of Corpus Christi Authority (“PCCA”) will hold a Pilot Board Meeting on **Tuesday, January 13, 2015, at 9:30 AM**, at the Congress Solomon P. Ortiz International Center, 402 Harbor Drive, Corpus Christi, Texas, or if later than 9:30 a.m., at the conclusion of the Port Commission meeting in progress in the Nueces Room..

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1. Call meeting of the Pilot Board to order and receive conflict of interest affidavits. 3
2. Approve the minutes of the Pilot Board meeting held on 9 September 2014. 8
3. Comments from the public. (Each speaker will be limited to three minutes.). 10
4. Introduce new Aransas-Corpus Christi Pilots’ Presiding Officer- Capt Louis Adams. 11
5. Determine whether Deputy Branch Pilot Kevin Monaco is qualified to be a Branch pilot to 12  
and from the Port of Corpus Christi and certify such finding to the governor.
6. Approve re-appointment of John Williams as a Branch pilot. 16
7. Consider and take action on the proposal to add the operational details of the 357' 17  
Combined Beam Restriction (when vessels are berthed at the ADM Grain Elevator and  
CITGO Dock #1) to the Pilot Board’s Rules and Regulations Governing Pilots and  
Pilotage on the Corpus Christi Ship Channel.
8. Adjourn

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Port of Corpus Christi Authority

Waterway Planning Study of the  
Corpus Christi Ship Channel  
System

FINAL REPORT

June 19, 2017

**Notice of Meeting of the Pilot Board of the  
Port of Corpus Christi Authority of Nueces County, Texas, on  
Tuesday, November 14, 2017, at 8:30 AM**

**The Agenda for this meeting of the Pilot Board of the Port of Corpus Christi  
Authority ("PCCA") is set forth below.**

- 1. Call to order**
- 2. Conflict of Interest Affidavits**
- 3. Minutes**
  - 3.a. Approve minutes of the September 19, 2017 Pilot Board meeting.
- 4. Receive public comment - *(Each speaker is limited to 3 minutes)***
- 5. Open Agenda**
  - 5.a. Consider and take action on proposed temporary revisions to Section VI of the Pilot Board's Rules and Regulations Governing Pilots and Pilotage on the Corpus Christi Ship Channel regarding Combined Beam Restriction in the vicinity of ADM Grain Elevator and CITGO Dock #1.



## **PORT CORPUS CHRISTI**

**Notice of Meeting of the Port Commission of the  
Port of Corpus Christi Authority of Nueces County, Texas, on  
Tuesday, April 17, 2018, at 8:30 AM  
At the Solomon P. Ortiz International Center  
402 North Harbor Drive, Corpus Christi, Texas**

**The Agenda for this meeting of the Port Commission ("Commission") of the Port of  
Corpus Christi Authority ("PCCA") is set forth below.**

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**Notice of Meeting of the Pilot Board of the  
Port of Corpus Christi Authority of Nueces County, Texas, on  
Tuesday, August 21, 2018, at 8:00 AM  
At the Solomon P. Ortiz International Center  
402 North Harbor Drive, Corpus Christi, Texas**

- 1. Call to order**
- 2. Conflict of Interest Affidavits**
- 3. Minutes**
  - 3.a. Approve minutes of the July 17, 2018 Pilot Board meeting.
- 4. Receive public comment - *(Each speaker is limited to 3 minutes)***
- 5. Presentations**
  - 5.a. Receive presentation on LNGC Trial Period from John Pasch of Cheniere.
- 6. Open Agenda**
  - 6.a. Consider and take action on proposed temporary revisions to Section II of the Pilot Board's Rules and Regulations Governing Pilots and Pilotage on the Corpus Christi Ship Channel regarding LNG Carriers.

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# Marine Safety Alert 14-18, Gangways and ladders.

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Commercial vessels can present hazards to mariners onboard if the risks are not recognized and mitigated. Considering the hazards presented by rotating machinery, electrical systems, potential fire, severe weather, etc.; one could easily underappreciate the risk that a simple gangway presents, leading mariners to become complacent. Because of injuries and fatalities on gangways, a number of organizations have developed gangway safety standards, requirements, and best practices.

The [Occupational Safety and Health Administration](#), [International Maritime Organization](#), [Protection and Indemnity Clubs](#), owners and operators, and others have put forth various requirements and shared best practices to improve gangway safety.

Because of this recent fatality, the Coast Guard **strongly recommends**:

- Owners and operators, captains and mates review and implement the best practices from the above sources and comply with all the regulations applicable to your vessel.
- For vessel pilots, crews, vendors, or anyone boarding or departing a vessel, condition yourself to take a moment to examine the gangway, accommodation or pilot ladder. Look for potential hazards or deficiencies, and report them to senior personnel on board the vessel.

**At all times, if there is any question about the safety of a gangway, DO NOT CROSS IT. Do not assume that any gangway crossing is routine.**

This safety alert is provided for information purposes only and does not relieve any domestic or international safety, operational, or material requirement. Developed by the Prevention Officers of Sector Corpus Christi. Distributed by the Office of Investigations and Analysis. Questions may be sent to [HQS-PF-flidr-CGF-INV@uscg.mil](mailto:HQS-PF-flidr-CGF-INV@uscg.mil).

View the [Marine Safety Alert](#) for other sources of safety information and guidance on this subject.

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# 06-18 Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) Closure

**Summary:** The Captain of the Port has closed a portion of the GIWW from the Port O'Connor little jetties to the Matagorda Ship Channel.

Mariners are advised of a waterway closure on the GIWW from the Port O'Connor little jetties to the Matagorda Ship Channel. The Coast Guard has also issued a 550 yard safety around 28° 27'32.80"N 96°23'1.50"W to protect diving operations to repair a damaged pipeline as a result from a dredge striking a pipeline.



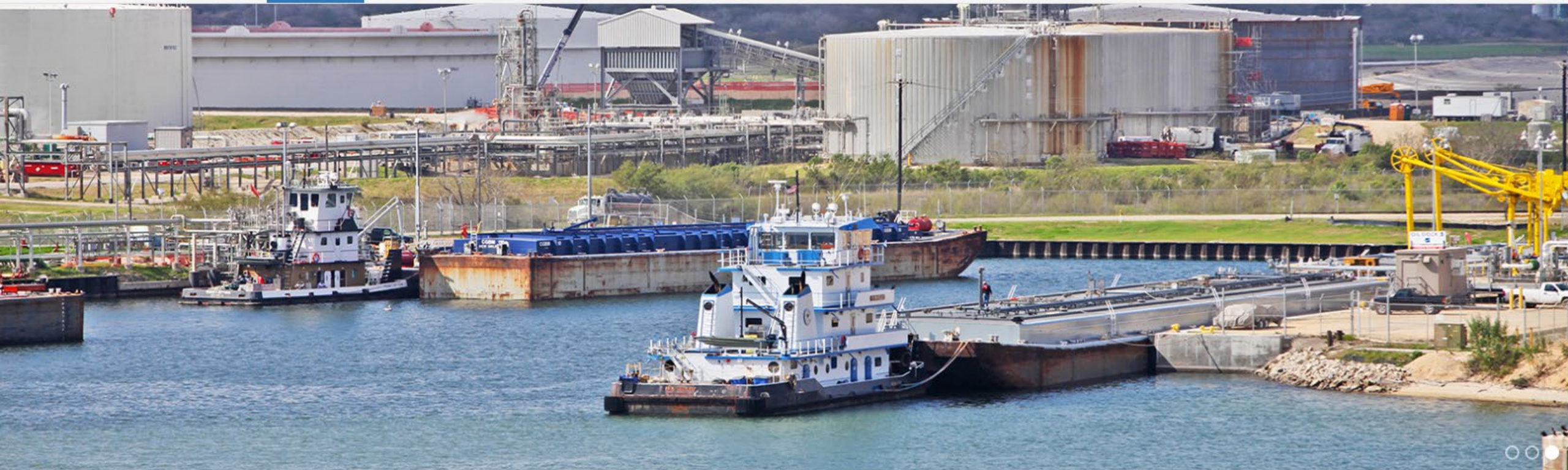
## IMO Fuel Regulations 2020: from headache to migraine for ship owners

in International Shipping News, Shipping: Emission Possible 17/08/2018



BIMCO, the Clean Shipping Coalition, Cruise Lines International Association, Friends of the Earth US, International Chamber of Shipping, International Parcel Tankers' Association, INTERTANKO, Pacific Environment, World Shipping Council, and WWF Global Arctic Programme have jointly released a statement calling for the prohibition of the carriage of non-compliant fuel when the IMO's global 0.5 per cent sulphur cap takes effect in 2020.





**Improving the safety, security, mobility, and environmental protection of the port and waterways of Corpus Christi**