

## 2011-2012 U.S. Maritime Legislative Developments

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Unlike the 111th Congress, which was dominated in the maritime sphere by the piracy attacks on the M/V Maersk Alabama and the M/V Liberty Sun and the Deepwater Horizon incident, the 112th Congress was relatively workman-like on maritime matters. Most importantly, the U.S. Congress enacted the Coast Guard Authorization and Maritime Transportation Act of 2012, which, combined with maritime changes made to the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013, made a number of significant changes to laws affecting the world-wide maritime industry.

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