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**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 322, 31136 and 31315; and 49 CFR 1.73.

Issued on: September 14, 2001.

**Julie Anna Cirillo,**

*Acting Deputy Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

#### Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Federal Railroad Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501, et seq.), this notice announces that the Information Collection Requirement (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. The **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collections of information was published on July 10, 2001 (66 FR 36031).

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before October 22, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Robert Brogan, Office of Planning and Evaluation Division, RRS-21, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Mail Stop 17, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6292), or Dian Deal, Office of Information Technology and Productivity Improvement, RAD-20, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Mail Stop 35, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6133). (These telephone numbers are not toll-free.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Pub. L. No. 104-13, 2, 109 Stat. 163 (1995) (codified as revised at 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), and its implementing regulations, 5 CFR part 1320, require Federal agencies to issue two notices seeking public comment on information collection activities before OMB may approve paperwork packages.

44 U.S.C. 3506, 3507; 5 CFR 1320.5, 1320.8(d)(1), 1320.12. On July 10, 2001, FRA published a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** soliciting comment on ICRs that the agency was seeking OMB approval. 66 FR 36031. FRA received no comments in response to this notice.

Before OMB decides whether to approve these proposed collections of information, it must provide 30 days for public comment. 44 U.S.C. 3507(b); 5 CFR 1320.12(d). Federal law requires OMB to approve or disapprove paperwork packages between 30 and 60 days after the 30 day notice is published. 44 U.S.C. 3507(b)-(c); 5 CFR 1320.12(d); *see also* 60 FR 44978, 44983, Aug. 29, 1995. OMB believes that the 30 day notice informs the regulated community to file relevant comments and affords the agency adequate time to digest public comments before it renders a decision. 60 FR 44983, Aug. 29, 1995. Therefore, respondents should submit their respective comments to OMB within 30 days of publication to best ensure having their full effect. 5 CFR 1320.12(c); *see also* 60 FR 44983, Aug. 29, 1995.

The summaries below describe the nature of the information collection requirements (ICRs) and the expected burden. The revised requirements are being submitted for clearance by OMB as required by the PRA.

**Title:** Railroad Communications (Formerly Transmission of Train Orders by Radio).

**OMB Control Number:** 2130-0524.

**Type of Request:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Affected Public:** Railroads.

**Form(s):** N/A.

**Abstract:** The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) amended its radio standards and procedures to promote compliance by making regulations more flexible; to require wireless communications devices, including radios, for specified classifications of railroad operations and roadway workers; and to re-title this part to reflect its coverage of other means of wireless communications such as cellular telephones, data radio terminals, and other forms of wireless communications to convey emergency and need-to-know information. The new rule establishes safe, uniform procedures covering the use of radio and other wireless communications within the railroad industry.

**Affected Public:** Businesses.

**Addressee:** Send comments regarding these information collections to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 Seventeenth Street, NW.,

Washington, DC, 20503; Attention: FRA Desk Officer.

*Comments are invited on the following:* Whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of FRA, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of FRA's estimates of the burden of the proposed information collections; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collections of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

**Authority:** 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520.

Issued in Washington, DC on September 14, 2001.

**Kathy A. Weiner,**

*Director, Office of Information Technology and Support Systems, Federal Railroad Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket Number: MARAD-2001-10635]

#### Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Invitation for public comments on a requested administrative waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws for the vessel *Argonaut*.

**SUMMARY:** As authorized by Pub. L. 105-383, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a description of the proposed service, is listed below. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines that in accordance with Pub. L. 105-383 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388 (65 FR 6905; February 11, 2000) that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels, a waiver will not be granted.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before October 22, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2001-10635. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, Department of Transportation, 400 7th St., SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit/>. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available on the World Wide Web at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kathleen Dunn, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, MAR-832 Room 7201, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-2307.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Title V of Pub. L. 105-383 provides authority to the Secretary of Transportation to administratively waive the U.S.-build requirements of the Jones Act, and other statutes, for small commercial passenger vessels (no more than 12 passengers). This authority has been delegated to the Maritime Administration per 49 CFR 1.66, Delegations to the Maritime Administrator, as amended. By this notice, MARAD is publishing information on a vessel for which a request for a U.S.-build waiver has been received, and for which MARAD requests comments from interested parties. Comments should refer to the docket number of this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to properly consider the comments. Comments should also state the commenter's interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in § 388.4 of MARAD'S regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

#### **Vessel Proposed for Waiver of the U.S.-build Requirement**

(1) *Name of vessel and owner for which waiver is requested.* Name of vessel: *Argonaut*. Owner: John G. Edwards.

(2) *Size, capacity and tonnage of vessel.* According to the applicant: "Gross Tonnage: 23; Net Tonnage: 21; Length: 40.6 Feet; Breadth: 12.1 Feet; Depth: 9.5 Feet".

(3) *Intended use for vessel, including geographic region of intended operation and trade.* According to the applicant: "Vessel will primarily offer day and

night skippered pleasure sails in the Long Beach and Los Angeles area. The vessel will also be used for special event charters for small parties and other social gatherings. The vessel will be used for skippered charters to Catalina, San Diego, Mexico, Channel Islands, and other California coastal areas. Some commercial operations may require the use of one or two crew members. If chartered for that purpose, the vessel might also be used for whale watching and other excursions of varying lengths, from a few hours to several days."

(4) *Date and Place of construction and (if applicable) rebuilding.* Date of construction: 1978. Place of construction: Pali Shiang Taipei Hsien, Taiwan, Republic of China.

(5) *A statement on the impact this waiver will have on other commercial passenger vessel operators.* According to the applicant: "The commercial usage of the vessel *Argonaut* should have no adverse effect on other boating operations in the area. The commercial passenger operations in the area consist primarily of large scale harbor tours, pleasure diving and pleasure fishing operations. I am not interested in providing any of those services but wish to fulfill a potential need for a specialized market involving sailing charters to small groups of people. Most other commercial sailing operations are for instructed sailing lessons on small sailing craft. There are some bare-boat charter businesses in the immediate area but the impact should be negligible. The granting of the waiver will have no effect at all upon sailing operations in the area in that they are large scale operations using inspected vessels. I might also offer blue water sailing instruction on a large cruising yacht, which to the best of my knowledge, is not currently offered locally."

(6) *A statement on the impact this waiver will have on U.S. shipyards.* According to the applicant: "The granting of a waiver for *Argonaut* should have a positive impact on the boat and shipyard industries in the area. The business will necessitate the use of yard services from time to time and will require the employment of workers who have the necessary skills to repair and maintain the boat. There should be no negative impact on the shipyards whatsoever."

Dated: September 13, 2001.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

**Joel C. Richard,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Maritime Administration**

**[Docket Number: MARAD-2001-10634]**

#### **Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws**

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Invitation for public comments on a requested administrative waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws for the vessel *Stevie Sunshine*.

**SUMMARY:** As authorized by Pub. L. 105-383, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a description of the proposed service, is listed below. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines that in accordance with Pub. L. 105-383 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388 (65 FR 6905; February 11, 2000) that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels, a waiver will not be granted.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before October 22, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2001-10634. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, Department of Transportation, 400 7th St., SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit/>. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available on the World Wide Web at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

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