

submitting comments, see the section entitled Public Participation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel LEAKIN LENA is:

- Intended Commercial Use of Vessel:* “Charter sport fishing”
- Geographic Region Including Base of Operations:* “Alaska” (Base of Operations: Ketchikan, AK)
- Vessel Length and Type:* 40’ motor vessel.

The complete application is available for review identified in the DOT docket as MARAD-2020-0003 at <http://www.regulations.gov>. 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, in accordance with 46 U.S.C. 12121 and MARAD’s regulations at 46 CFR part 388, 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 in that business, a waiver will not be granted. Comments should refer to the vessel name, state the commenter’s interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in section 388.4 of MARAD’s regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

Public Participation

How do I submit comments?

Please submit your comments, including the attachments, following the instructions provided under the above heading entitled **ADDRESSES**. Be advised that it may take a few hours or even days for your comment to be reflected on the docket. In addition, your comments must be written in English. We encourage you to provide concise comments and you may attach additional documents as necessary. There is no limit on the length of the attachments.

Where do I go to read public comments, and find supporting information?

Go to the docket online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, keyword search MARAD-2020-0003 or visit the Docket Management Facility (see **ADDRESSES** for hours of operation). We recommend that you periodically check the Docket for new submissions and supporting material.

Will my comments be made available to the public?

Yes. Be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, will be made publicly available.

May I submit comments confidentially?

If you wish to submit comments under a claim of confidentiality, you should submit three copies of your complete submission, including the information you claim to be confidential business information, to the Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, Office of Legislation and Regulations, MAR-225, W24-220, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. Include a cover letter setting forth with specificity the basis for any such claim and, if possible, a summary of your submission that can be made available to the public.

Privacy Act

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice, DOT/ALL-14 FDMS, accessible through www.dot.gov/privacy. To facilitate comment tracking and response, we encourage commenters to provide their name, or the name of their organization; however, submission of names is completely optional. Whether or not commenters identify themselves, all timely comments will be fully considered. If you wish to provide comments containing proprietary or confidential information, please contact the agency for alternate submission instructions.

(Authority: 49 CFR 1.93(a), 46 U.S.C. 55103, 46 U.S.C. 12121)

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By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,
Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2020-0004]

Request for Comments of a Previously Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below is being forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comments. A **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following information collection was published on October 7, 2019.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before February 20, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Send comments regarding the burden estimate, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for the Office of the Secretary of Transportation, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael C. Pucci, (202) 366-5167, Division of Maritime Programs, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Requirements for Eligibility of U.S.-Flag Vessels of 100 Feet or Greater in Registered Length to Obtain a Fishery Endorsement.

OMB Control Number: 2133-0530.

Type of Request: Renewal of a Previously Approved Information Collection.

Background: In accordance with the American Fisheries Act of 1998, owners of vessels of 100 feet or greater who wish to obtain a fishery endorsement to the vessel’s documentation are required to file with the Maritime Administration (MARAD) an Affidavit of United States Citizenship and other supporting documentation.

Respondents: Vessel Owners, charterers, mortgagees, mortgage trustees and managers of vessels of 100 feet or greater who seek a fishery endorsement for the vessel.

Affected Public: Business or other for profit.

Total Estimated Number of Responses: 500.

Frequency of Collection: Annually.

Estimated time per Respondent: 6 hours.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 2,950.

Public Comments Invited: Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department’s estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and

clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

(Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.93)

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Board of Visitors; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration announces a meeting of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Board of Visitors (BOV).

DATES: The meeting will be held on February 3, 2020, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Requests for, and the written materials to be reviewed during the meeting must be received no later than January 31, 2020.

Requests to attend the meeting must be received by January 30, 2020.

Requests for special accommodations must be received by January 31, 2020.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, NY, Melville Hall.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The BOV's Designated Federal Officer and Point of Contact George Rhynedance, 516-726-6048 or via email at rhynedance@usmma.edu.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The USMMA BOV is a Federal Advisory Committee originally established as a Congressional Board by Section 51312 of Title 46, United States Code "to provide independent advice and recommendations on matters relating to the United States Merchant Marine Academy." The Board was chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) on October 25, 2019.

Members of the BOV for the 116th Congress are:

Senator Roger Wicker (MS), *ex officio*

Senator Jerry Moran (KS)

Rep. Adam Smith (WA-09), *ex officio*

Rep. Max Rose (NY-11)
Rep. Mikie Sherrill (NJ-11)
Rep. Jack Bergman (MI-01)
Rep. Peter King (NY-02)
Rep. Tom Suozzi (NY-03)
Ms. Jennifer Boykin (USMMA Graduate)
Mr. Kevin Walsh (USMMA Graduate)
Mr. Stephen Carmel (Maritime Industry Representative)

Vice Admiral Johnny R. Wolfe, Jr. (USN Flag Officer)

Lieutenant Colonel Robert Scott Volkert (USMC Flag Officer)

Rear Admiral Michael A. Wettlaufer, USN, Commander, Military Sealift Command, *ex officio*

Vice Admiral Daniel B. Abel, USCG, Deputy Commandant for Operations, *ex officio*

Dr. Henry S. Marcus, DBA, Chairman, USMMA Advisory Board, *ex officio*

Agenda

At the meeting, the agenda will cover the following topics:

(a) Introduce the Academy Superintendent and Academic Dean/Provost to new members of the Board of Visitors.

(b) Provide a briefing on the Critical Infrastructure Plan, the infrastructure spending plan and ongoing capital improvements.

(c) Provide an update on the general state of the Academy, Class of 2023 performance, and status of incoming class of 2024.

(d) Provide an update on the Sexual Assault/Sexual Harassment program progress.

(e) Provide an update on the status of implementing the 5-year Strategic Plan as well as the Master Plan.

(f) Establish the meeting schedule for CY 2020.

Public Participation

This meeting is open to the public. Seating is on a first-come basis.

Members of the public wishing to attend the meeting will need to present photo identification to gain access to the meeting location. The U.S. Department of Transportation is committed to providing equal access to this meeting for all participants. If you need alternative formats or special accommodations, such as sign language, interpretation, or other ancillary aids, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

Any member of the public is permitted to file a written statement with the BOV. Written statements should be sent to the Designated Federal Officer listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section (Please contact the Designated Federal Officer

for information on submitting comments via fax). Only written statements will be considered by the BOV; no member of the public will be allowed to present questions from the floor or speak to any issue under consideration by the BOV unless requested to do so by a member of the Board.

(Authority: 46 U.S.C. 51312; 5 U.S.C. 552b; 5 U.S.C. App. 2; 41 CFR parts 102-3.140 through 102-3.165)

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2020-0002]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel METANI (Sailboat); Invitation for Public Comments

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirements of the coastwise trade laws to allow the carriage of no more than twelve passengers for hire on vessels, which are three years old or more. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below.

DATES: Submit comments on or before February 20, 2020.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number MARAD-2020-0002 by any one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Search MARAD-2020-0002 and follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail or Hand Delivery:* Docket Management Facility is in the West Building, Ground Floor of the U.S. Department of Transportation. The Docket Management Facility location address is: U.S. Department of Transportation, MARAD-2020-0002, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.