

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Maritime Administration****[Docket Number: 2005-23442]****Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws****AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, DOT.**ACTION:** Invitation for public comments on a requested administrative waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws for the vessel CAT'S MEOW.

**SUMMARY:** As authorized by Pub. L. 105-383 and Pub. L. 107-295, 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 brief description of the proposed service, is listed below. The complete application is given in DOT docket 2005-23442 at <http://dms.dot.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 Pub. L. 105-383 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR Part 388 (68 FR 23084; April 30, 2003), 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 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.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before January 30, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2005-23442. 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:**

Joann Spittle, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, MAR-830 Room 7201, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202-366-5979.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel CAT'S MEOW is:

*Intended Use:* "The intended commercial use is to carry passengers for Captained Sailing Charters in the Great Lakes and connecting/adjacent waterways."

*Geographic Region:* While operating primarily out of South Haven, Michigan, the charter area will include the Great Lakes (Lake Michigan, Lake Superior, Lake Erie, Lake Huron, Lake Ontario), and the adjacent canals, harbors and waterways.

By order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: December 23, 2005.

**Joel C. Richard,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Maritime Administration****[Docket Number: 2005-23443]****Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws****AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, DOT.

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

**SUMMARY:** As authorized by Pub. L. 105-383 and Pub. L. 107-295, 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 brief description of the proposed service, is listed below. The complete application is given in DOT docket 2005-23443 at <http://dms.dot.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 Pub. L. 105-383 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR Part 388 (68 FR 23084; April 30, 2003), 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 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.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before January 30, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2005-23443. 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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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel GRIN N BARRETT is:

*Intended Use:* "fishing."

*Geographic Region:* Long Island Sound. Including the States of Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

By order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: December 23, 2005.

**Joel C. Richard,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Maritime Administration****[Docket Number: 2005-23444]****Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws****AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, DOT.

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