

subcommittees on boat occupant protection, navigation lights, personal flotation device-life saving index, and prevention through people will meet to discuss various issues relating to recreational boating safety. All meetings will be open to the public.

**DATES:** NBSAC will meet on Monday, May 1, 2000, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesday, May 2 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The Personal Flotation Device-Life Saving Index Subcommittee will meet on Saturday, April 29, 2000, from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. The Prevention Through People Subcommittee will meet on Sunday, April 30, 2000, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.; the Boat Occupant Protection Subcommittee will meet from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; and the Navigation Light Subcommittee will meet from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. These meetings may close early if all business is finished. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard on or before April 14, 2000. Requests to have a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee or subcommittees should reach the Coast Guard on or before April 7, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** NBSAC will meet at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, 173 Jennifer Road, Annapolis, Maryland. The subcommittee meetings will be held at the same address. Send written material and requests to make oral presentations to Mr. Albert J. Marmo, Commandant (G-OPB-1), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001. You may obtain a copy of this notice by calling the U. S. Coast Guard Infoline at 1-800-368-5647. This notice is available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov> or at the Web Site for the Office of Boating Safety at URL address [www.uscgboating.org/](http://www.uscgboating.org/).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Albert J. Marmo, Executive Director of NBSAC, telephone 202-267-0950, fax 202-267-4285.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of these meetings is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

### Agendas of Meetings

#### *National Boating Safety Advisory Council (NBSAC)*

The agenda includes the following:

- (1) Executive Director's report.
- (2) Chairman's session.
- (3) Personal Flotation Device-Life Saving Index Subcommittee report.
- (4) Prevention Through People Subcommittee report.
- (5) Boat Occupant Protection Subcommittee report.

(6) Navigation Light Subcommittee report.

(7) Recreational Boating Safety Program report.

(8) Report on boat safety standards development and compliance.

(9) Report on the federal regulations process.

(10) Update on fire extinguisher carton labeling and ratings.

(11) Report on 1999 boating statistics.

(12) Report on the national recreational boating survey.

(13) Council discussion on federal requirements for wearing personal flotation devices.

(14) Presentation on risk management and human errors in recreational boating applications grant study.

(15) Council discussion on recreational boating accident reporting criteria.

(16) Report on marine industry boating safety initiatives.

(17) Report on national nonprofit public service organization grants.

(18) Report on life raft safety issues.

#### *Personal Flotation Device-Life Saving Index Subcommittee*

The agenda includes the following:

(1) Discuss the final report on the risk-informed compliance approval process study.

(2) Discuss inflatable personal flotation device (PFD) approval status.

(3) Discuss implications of differences between inflatable and inherently buoyant PFDs.

(4) Discuss current regulatory projects, grants and contracts dealing with PFDs.

#### *Prevention Through People Subcommittee*

The agenda includes the following:

(1) Discuss the process for continuing subcommittee guidance and advice concerning public safety awareness campaigns and materials dealing with various boating safety issues.

(2) Review and provide feedback on the new prototype "Federal Requirements and Safety Tips for Recreational Boats" brochure.

(3) Evaluate the results of test marketing of the Boating Under the Influence campaign.

#### *Boat Occupant Protection Subcommittee*

The agenda includes the following:

(1) Review subcommittee charges and develop a status update.

(2) Discuss ongoing risk management and human factors initiatives.

(3) Discuss current regulatory projects, grants and contracts impacting boat occupant protection.

(4) Discuss Personal Watercraft Standards Technical Panel activities.

(5) Discuss life raft safety issues.

#### *Navigation Light Subcommittee*

The agenda includes the following:

(1) Review subcommittee charges and develop a status update.

(2) Discuss issues coordinated with the Navigation Safety Advisory Council.

(3) Discuss status of navigation light certification rulemaking.

(4) Discuss navigation light grant projects.

### Procedural

All meetings are open to the public. Please note that the meetings may close early if all business is finished. At the Chairs' discretion, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meetings. If you would like to make an oral presentation at a meeting, please notify the Executive Director no later than April 14, 2000. Written material for distribution at a meeting should reach the Coast Guard no later than April 14, 2000. If you would like a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee or subcommittee in advance of a meeting, please submit 25 copies to the Executive Director no later than April 7, 2000.

### Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meetings, contact the Executive Director as soon as possible.

Dated: March 22, 2000.

**Terry M. Cross,**

*Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Director of Operations Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket Number: MARAD-2000-7123]

### 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 *Eye of the Needle*.

**SUMMARY:** As authorized by Public Law 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 April 28, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2000-7123. 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:** Michael Hokana, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, MAR 832 Room 7201, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-0760.

**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 (less 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 commentor'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: *Eye of the Needle*, owner: Eye of the Needle, LLC.

(2) Size, capacity and tonnage of vessel: L.O.A.:56', L.W.L.44'6", Beam 15'6", Draft 6'7", Capacity 12, Tonnage: Gross 35, Net 33, Ballast 19,650 lbs. Internal.

(3) Intended use for vessel, including geographic region of intended operation and trade. According to the applicant: "Intended use: Sailing charters to/from Sackets Harbor NY to/from Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence Seaway. Charters are designed as day charters but may have an occasional overnight application for special occasions. Passengers will not exceed 12 persons."

(4) Date and place of construction and (if applicable) rebuilding. Date of construction: 1987. Place of original construction: Built in Taiwan by Ta Chaio Bros. Yacht Bldg. Co., LTD.

(5) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on other commercial passenger vessel operators. According to the applicant: "This waiver will not have an impact on other commercial passenger vessel operators. All present operators are power boats specializing in fishing charters. There are no other commercial passenger vessels operating out of Sackets Harbor, NY for sailing charters."

(6) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on U.S. shipyards. According to the applicant: "The impact this waiver will have on U.S. shipyards is none. We have no intention of purchasing a U.S. built vessel for sailing charters in the event this waiver is not granted."

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: March 23, 2000.

**Joel C. Richard,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket Nos. MC-F-20963 and MC-F-20965]<sup>1</sup>

**Stagecoach Holdings plc and Coach USA, Inc., et al.—Control—Century Airline Services, Inc. and All West Coachlines, Inc., et al.**

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

**ACTION:** Notice Tentatively Approving Finance Transactions.

**SUMMARY:** Stagecoach Holdings plc (Stagecoach), and its subsidiary, Coach USA, Inc. (Coach), both noncarriers that control motor passenger carriers, and various subsidiaries of each (collectively, applicants), filed an application under 49 U.S.C. 14303 for Stagecoach, related applicants, and its subsidiaries, Coach and Coach Canada, Inc. (Canada), to acquire control of Century Airline Services, Inc. (Century), and for Stagecoach, related applicants, and its subsidiaries, Coach and Coach USA West, Inc. (West), to acquire control of All West Coachlines, Inc. d/b/a All West Tours (All West) and Goodall's Charter Bus Service, Inc. (Goodall's). Persons wishing to oppose the application must follow the rules at 49 CFR 1182.5 and 1182.8. The Board has tentatively approved the transactions, and, if no opposing comments are timely filed, this notice will be the final Board action.

**DATES:** Comments must be filed by May 15, 2000. Applicants may file a reply by May 30, 2000. If no comments are filed by May 15, 2000, this notice is effective on that date.

**ADDRESSES:** Send an original and 10 copies of any comments referring to STB Docket No. MC-F-20963, *et al.* to: Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, send one copy of comments to applicants' representative: Betty Jo Christian, Steptoe & Johnson LLP, 1330 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20036.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Beryl Gordon, (202) 565-1600. [TDD for the hearing impaired: 1-800-877-8339.]

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Stagecoach is a public limited corporation organized under the laws of Scotland, and Coach is a Delaware corporation. Stagecoach and its

<sup>1</sup> These proceedings are not consolidated. A single decision is being issued for administrative convenience.