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Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District.

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[CGD 96-062]

Natural Gas as Fuel in Marine Applications

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meeting; requests for comments.

SUMMARY: On November 26, 1996, (61 FR 60138), the Coast Guard published a notice of meeting and request for comments regarding the use of compressed natural gas (CNG) and liquefied natural gas (LNG) as fuel aboard commercial ships. This notice provides additional information about the location and time of the public meeting, and building security procedures recently established.

DATES: A public meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 14, 1997, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in room 6200 at the Department of Transportation (DOT) headquarters, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. Room 6200 is located on the 6th floor of the south wing. Interested members of the public wishing to attend the meeting should enter the building at the southwest entrance, located inside the DOT courtyard near the intersection of E Street and Seventh Street. The L'Enfant plaza metro stop also exits into the DOT courtyard.

Due to increased security, it is important for all attendees to have proper identification. In addition, all bags may be checked when entering the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lieutenant Commander R. K. Butturini, Mr. Wayne Lundy or Ensign Felicia K. Rydzewski, Systems Engineering Division, Commandant (G-MSE-3), telephone (202) 267-2206 between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Dated: December 13, 1996.

Joseph J. Angelo,

Director of Standards, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

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Houston/Galveston Navigation Safety Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of subcommittee meetings.

SUMMARY: The two Subcommittees (Waterways and Navigation) of the Houston/Galveston Navigation Safety Advisory Committee (HOGANSAC) will meet to discuss waterway improvements, aids to navigation, current meters, and various other navigation safety matters affecting the Houston/Galveston area. Both meetings will be open to the public.

DATES: The meeting of the Waterways Subcommittee will be held on Thursday, January 16, 1997 at 9:30 a.m. and immediately following, the Navigation Subcommittee will meet. Members of the public may present written or oral statements at the meetings.

ADDRESSES: The subcommittee meetings will be held at the Port of Houston Authority, 111 East Loop North, Houston, Texas.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Captain Kevin Eldridge, Executive Director of HOGANSAC, telephone (713) 671-5101, or Commander Paula Carroll, Executive Secretary of HOGANSAC, telephone (713) 671-5164.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

Agendas of the Meetings

Subcommittee on Waterways. The tentative agenda includes the following:

(1) Presentation by each work group of its accomplishments and plans for the future.

(2) Review and discuss the work completed by each work group.

Subcommittee on Navigation. The tentative agenda includes the following:

(1) Presentation by each work group of its accomplishments and plans for the future.

(2) Review and discuss the work completed by each work group.

Procedural

All meetings are open to the public. Members of the public may make oral presentations during the meetings.

Information on Services for the Handicapped

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

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T.W. Josiah,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket S-941]

Sargeant Marine, Inc.; Notice of Application for Permission Under Section 506 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as Amended, To Operate in the Domestic Trade

Notice is hereby given that Sargeant Marine, Inc. (Sargeant), by application dated December 17, 1996, has applied for written permission under section 506 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended (Act), for the temporary transfer of the construction-differential subsidy (CDS) built asphalt tanker ASPHALT COMMANDER (ex-FALCON CHAMPION) in the domestic trade, commencing on or about January 15, 1997. Sargeant states that it is scheduled to load 200,000 barrels (bbls.) of asphalt at Garryville, Louisiana for discharge in New York, New York. The cargo will be delivered at a temperature of 300 degrees fahrenheit, five days after completion of loading and must be discharged at 6000 bbls. per hour.

Section 506 permits the temporary transfer for up to six months of CDS-built vessels "whenever the Secretary determines that such transfer is necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of the Act." Consent by MARAD is to be conditioned upon payment to MARAD, upon such terms as MARAD may prescribe, of "an amount which bears the same proportion to the CDS paid by the Secretary as such temporary period bears to the entire economic life of the vessel."

Although publication of a Notice with respect to Sargeant's request for permission under section 506 is not required, the Maritime Administration believes that it is appropriate to provide an opportunity for interested parties to comment on Sargeant's application.

Any person, firm, or corporation having any interest in the application