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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket Number: MARAD-2000-7272]

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 *Lady in Red*.

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 May 26, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2000-7272. 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:

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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 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: LADY IN RED Owner: Robert & Carol Blodgett.

(2) Size, capacity and tonnage of vessel: According to the Applicant "43' LOA, 23.6' Beam, 3.5' Draft." Tonnage: "25.23 Gross Tons (46 U.S.C. 14502)"

(3) Intended use for vessel, including geographic region of intended operation and trade. According to the applicant: "Custom, 3-5 day sailing & scuba diving adventures. Gulf and Atlantic coast waters of Florida."

(4) Date and place of construction and (if applicable) rebuilding. Date of construction: 1992, place of construction: St. Francis Marine—Durbin, South Africa.

(5) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on other commercial passenger vessel operators: According to the applicant: "The impact on existing operators offering the same type of services will be negligible. The service area will be located in the Gulf and Atlantic, coastal waters of Florida. The customized offering will center on the sailing and diving experience aboard a luxury, sailing catamaran. The package will also include ecological discovery and education in the NOAA controlled waters of the Florida Keys, and be limited to a maximum of 8 passengers. The business operation will be located

at Marathon, Florida. But, will offer points of departure out of any of the major ports in the state of Florida. The points of departure will be based on customer preference. Currently, Blackbeard Cruises has a similar offering, but it is restricted to the Bahamas and does not offer the Florida Keys as an alternative. They are also limited to monohull sailboats sailing out of Miami, FL."

(6) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on U.S. shipyards. According to the applicant: "There will be a positive impact on U.S. shipyards due to the, added, annual income from the maintenance on our fleet."

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

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

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