

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before June 5, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2000-7329. 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 Public Law 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 of vessel: TROPICAL ATTITUDES, Owner: Winkin, Inc. of Dover, DE.

(2) Size, capacity and tonnage of vessel: According to the Applicant "TROPICAL ATTITUDES is 39' in length, with a beam of 20'7" and a gross tonnage of 8 tons (7 net tons) measured pursuant to 46 U.S.C. 14502."

(3) Intended use for vessel, including geographic region of intended operation and trade. According to the applicant:

"The intended use of the vessel, after the granting of a waiver, is to conduct live-aboard sailing catamaran charters in the Florida Keys. The maximum number of passengers on any such charter will be six, enabling the vessel to operate as an uninspected vessel with a coastwise endorsement. These charters will be conducted by CCJ Inc, a Florida Corporation, and citizen of the United States."

(4) Date and place of construction and (if applicable) rebuilding. Date of construction: 1989, place of construction: Les Sables D'Olonnes, France.

(5) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on other commercial passenger vessel operators. According to the applicant: "Since there are presently no other such operators offering live-aboard Catamaran sailing charters in the Florida Keys, we feel that we would not in any way be adversely affecting any other commercial vessel operators in the area. In fact, though there are many charter vessels for hire operating in the Florida Keys, there are few that offer any type of live-aboard arrangements and no other sailing catamaran based in the Florida Keys offers charters of this kind."

(6) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on U.S. shipyards. According to the applicant: "Since there are very few U.S. shipbuilders manufacturing vessels comparable to the Privilege 39, we do not feel that our small operation will in any way adversely affect U.S. shipbuilders. We do feel, however, that the impact the operation will have on U.S. shipyards will be a positive one, as haul-outs and refits will be performed in U.S. shipyards. In addition, though we wish to start this operation on a small scale, we hope for future plans to include expansion into a larger vessel which will be U.S. built and certified as an Inspected Vessel as the business grows."

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: May 2, 2000.

**Joel C. Richard,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Maritime Administration**

**[Docket Number: MARAD-2000-7328]**

#### **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 TA MANA.

**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.

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### Vessel Proposed for Waiver of the U.S.-build Requirement

(1) Name of vessel and owner for which waiver is requested: Name of vessel: TA MANA Owner: Helmut "Bernard" Quante.

(2) Size, capacity and tonnage of vessel: According to the Applicant "The vessel measures 36' (LOA) and weighs 8.25 tons (weight according to ship builder's plaque inside of vessel—7,340 Kg)."

(3) Intended use for vessel, including geographic region of intended operation and trade. According to the applicant: "The intended use for the vessel would be carrying up to six passengers for touring the San Francisco Bay and the Gulf of the Farrallones. The boat is of a very seakindly design, some sister ships sailed around Cape Horn."

(4) Date and place of construction and (if applicable) rebuilding. Date of construction: 1981, place of construction: Fecamp, Normandy, France.

(5) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on other commercial passenger vessel operators. According to the applicant: "The home port and intended area of operation is San Francisco, the most visited city in the whole United States, perhaps the world. There are a number of large operators that tour the Bay with ferry-size vessels and some larger sailing vessels that can take up to 49 passengers. They all seem to do brisk business. I am planning to target French and German speaking tourist, offering a hands-on sailing experience where the guests participate in handling the boat. I believe that the presence of my operation will have a minute impact on the overall picture."

(6) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on U.S. shipyards. According to the applicant: "My boat is constructed of aluminum. Very few shipyards do build equivalent boats, if any. However I have been given local shipyards a fair amount of business from regular haul outs for maintenance and bottom painting to welding and paint jobs, installation of a new engine, etc. Ship chandlers and sail makers profited from outfitting my boat with brand new electronics, a galley and new

sails. The interior became a near rebuilt. I sailed the vessel to the Hawaiian Islands four times under the Ocean Racers Rules. Consequently, the safety equipment on board exceeds U.S. Coast Guard requirement."

Dated: May 2, 2000.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator,

**Joel C. Richard,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

**[U.S. DOT Docket Number NHTSA-2000-7266]**

### Reports, Forms, and Recordkeeping Requirements

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Request for public comment on proposed collection of information.

**SUMMARY:** Before a Federal agency can collect certain information from the public, it must receive approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Under procedures established by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before seeking OMB approval, Federal agencies must solicit public comment on proposed collections of information, including extensions and reinstatement of previously approved collections.

This document describes one collection of information for which NHTSA intends to seek OMB approval.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before July 5, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments must refer to the docket notice numbers cited at the beginning of this notice and be submitted to Docket Management, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. Please identify the proposed collection of information for which a comment is provided, by referencing its OMB clearance Number. It is requested, but not required, that 2 copies of the comment be provided. The Docket Section is open on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Complete copies of each request for collection of information may be obtained at no charge from Ms. Kim Jackson, NHTSA 400 Seventh Street, SW, Room 5238, NSC-01, Washington, DC 20590. Ms. Jackson's telephone number is (202) 366-2588. Her fax

number is (202) 493-2833 Please identify the relevant collection of information by referring to its OMB Control Number.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before an agency submits a proposed collection of information to OMB for approval, it must first publish a document in the **Federal Register** providing a 60-day comment period and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information. The OMB has promulgated regulations describing what must be included in such a document. Under OMB's regulation (at 5 CFR 1320.8(d), an agency must ask for public comment on the following:

(i) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) How to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

(iv) How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses.

In compliance with these requirements, NHTSA asks for public comments on the following proposed collections of information:

(1) *Title:* Air Bag Deactivation.

*OMB Control Number:* 2127-0588.

*Affected Public:* Private individuals, fleet owners and lessees, motor vehicle dealers, repair business.

*Abstract:* If a private individual or lessee wants to install an air bag on-off switch to turn-off either or both frontal air bags, they must complete Form OMB 2127-0588 to certify certain statements regarding use of the switch. The dealer or business must, in turn, submit the completed forms to NHTSA within seven days. The submission of the completed forms by the dealers and repair business to NHTSA, as required, will serve the agency several purposes. They will aid the agency in monitoring the number of authorization requests submitted and the pattern in claims of risk groups membership. The completed forms will enable the agency to determine whether the dealers and