

*Title of Collection:* Merchant Marine Medals and Awards.

*Type of Request:* Extension of currently approved information collection.

*OMB Control Number:* 2133-0506.

*Form Numbers:* None.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* May 31, 2001.

*Summary of Collection of Information:* This information collection provides a method of awarding merchant marine medals and decorations to masters, officers, and crew members of United States ships in recognition of their service in areas of danger during the operations by the Armed Forces of the United States in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and Operation Desert Storm.

*Need and Use of the Information:* This information is used by MARAD personnel to process and verify requests for service awards.

*Annual Responses:* 1500.

*Annual Burden:* 1500 hours.

*Comments:* Comments should refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document. Written comments may be submitted to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Comments may also be submitted by electronic means via the Internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit>. Specifically address whether this information collection is necessary for proper performance of the functions of the agency and will have practical utility, accuracy of the burden estimates, ways to minimize this burden, and ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. EDT, Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays. An electronic version of this document is available on the World Wide Web at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: February 7, 2001.

**Joel C. Richard,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket Number: MARAD-2001-8758]

#### 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 ADVENTURE.

**SUMMARY:** As authorized by Pub. L. 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 March 14, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2001-8758. 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:**

Gordon Angell, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, MAR-832 Room 7201, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-5129.

**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 (no more 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: ADVENTURE. Owner: David J. Holmes III and Charly Holmes.

(2) *Size, capacity and tonnage of vessel:* According to the applicant: "LOD 41.6' LOA 47' 13 tons".

(3) *Intended use for vessel, including geographic region of intended operation and trade:* According to the applicant: Very occasional chartering to a very limited number of passengers for short sails with the Captain and crew aboard. One stateroom available with a shared head. Envision educational short trips to acquaint 1 or 2 persons with joy of sailing on traditional gaff-rigged vessel." "Coastwise USA & territories while cruising in those areas as part of a around-the-world voyage."

(4) *Date and Place of construction and (if applicable) rebuilding:* Date of construction: 1988. Place of construction: Hout Bay, Cape Town, South Africa.

(5) *A statement on the impact this waiver will have on other commercial passenger vessel operators:* According to the applicant: "No competition to organized and existing operations."

(6) *A statement on the impact this waiver will have on U.S. shipyards:* According to the applicant: "No perceivable impact on U.S. shipyards—owner is boatbuilder."

Dated: February 7, 2001.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

**Joel C. Richard,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket Number: MARAD-2001-8759]

#### 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