

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: *Southern Cross*. Owner: Peter Murray.

(2) Size, capacity and tonnage of vessel. According to the applicant:

In pursuant with reg. 46 U.S.C. 14502 Gross tonnage is 28 and net tonnage is 25. The Southern Cross is a custom built Cross design trimaran sailboat. It is 46ft long and 25.2 breadth and 9.0 depth.

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

I intend to use the vessel as a sailing, diving, and teaching, liveaboard, for 6 passenger or less, sailing trimaran, in the area of the Florida keys, Key Largo to the Dry tortuous. I feel that this boat is unique in the fact that this is a sailing trimaran, engaged in not only sailing and diving, but I intend to use this vessel as a teaching platform, of not only sailing and diving, but a much greater concern, our environment.

(4) Date and Place of construction and (if applicable) rebuilding. Date of construction: 1975. Place of construction: Ontario, Canada.

(5) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on other commercial passenger vessel operators. According to the applicant:

To my knowledge there are no other trimaran sailboats in my immediate area that is doing a sailing, diving and teaching liveaboard operation. Although there are other boats down in key West, which is over 90 miles away as well as in key Largo, which is 15 miles away from my area, that are doing sailing charters, there are no trimarans doing a sailing, diving and teaching liveaboard operation. Each seems to have their own

cliental, and also seem to go after localized traffic. Where I will advertise on the Internet and get my cliental from around the country. So I feel that my vessel would be a minimal financial impact if any, on other vessels in my area.

(6) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on U.S. shipyards. According to the applicant:

To my knowledge there are no us ship builders building a vessel similar to the southern Cross. The Southern Cross is custom built from a Norman Cross design. The vessel is constructed using a cold molded process which is very expensive and very heavy using the materials that were used in building Southern Cross. The new ship builders are using lighter materials and different designs i.e. * * * catamaran design hulls, but on the other hand being an older boat and made of wood, I've already spent many hours and lots of money in local boat yards. I know for a fact this will never end, and I feel that the Southern Cross will only stimulate the economic growth of local boat yards.

Dated: February 26, 2001.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Treasury Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of the U.S. Customs Service

AGENCY: Departmental Offices, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the date, time, and location for the quarterly meeting of the Treasury Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations (COAC), and the provisional agenda for consideration by the Committee.

DATES: The next meeting of the Treasury Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of the U.S. Customs Service will be held on Friday, March 23, 2001 at 9 a.m. at the Omni Colonnade Hotel,

located at 180 Aragon Avenue, Coral Gables, FL 33134 (Tel: 305-441-2600, Fax: 305-444-9706) The meeting is being hosted by Gilbert Lee Sandler, Sandler, Travis & Rosenberg, P.A., 5200 Blue Lagoon Drive, #600, Miami, FL 33126. The duration of the meeting will be approximately four hours (9a to 1p).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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At this meeting, the Advisory Committee is expected to pursue the following agenda. The agenda may be modified prior to the meeting.

Agenda

- (1) Merchandise Processing Fee (MPF)
- (2) CAT (Compliance Assessment Team) Sub Committee
- (3) OR & R (Office of Rules & Regulation) Sub Committee
- (4) Import Data & Customs entry Sub Committee
- (5) Port Uniformity Initiative
- (6) Customs Authorization Bills
- (7) Status of Customs & Treasury Comments on Revision to Kyoto Convention

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public; however, participation in the Committee's deliberations is limited to Committee members, Customs and Treasury Department staff, and persons invited to attend the meeting for special presentations. A person other than an Advisory Committee member who wishes to attend the meeting should contact Theresa Manning at (202) 622-0220 or Helen Belt at (202) 622-0230 for pre-clearance.

Dated: February 26, 2001.

Timothy E. Skud,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Regulatory, Tariff, and Trade (Enforcement).

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