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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Philip Cappel, Chief, Recreational Boating Product Assurance Division, Commandant (G-OPB-3), 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593, telephone (202) 267-0988, e-mail pcappel@comdt.uscg.mil. The docket, USCG-2001-9284, is available for inspection or copying at the Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also find this docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Coast Guard recently learned that in November 2000 the Outboard Marine Corporation sent a "service upgrade bulletin" to its Evinrude outboard motor dealers concerning the company's 1999 and 2000 model year 200 and 225 horsepower models. The upgrade was intended to "reduce the likelihood of fuel leaks, which can be a potentially hazardous condition." After further investigation, the Coast Guard learned that between July 1999 and December 2000 OMC had received reports of an unacceptably high number of fires and explosions involving the company's 1999 and 2000 model year Evinrude FICHT 200 and 225 horsepower models.

The Coast Guard has the legal authority to require manufacturers of boats and engines to notify owners and to recall and repair or replace products that contain defects which create a substantial risk of personal injury to the public, or which fail to comply with an applicable U.S. Coast Guard safety standard. The Coast Guard has determined that the problems involving the 1999 and 2000 model year Evinrude FICHT 200 and 225 horsepower motors constitute a defect that creates a substantial risk of injury to the public. Under normal circumstances, the Coast Guard would notify OMC that a safety recall was necessary and would pursue the correction of this defect via OMC. However, OMC filed for bankruptcy in federal court in December 2000 and has since sold its Evinrude and Johnson outboard engine lines to Bombardier Motor Corporation of America.

Bombardier has agreed to accept responsibility for this recall and will be notifying affected Evinrude owners in the near future. Bombardier reports that they intend to distribute upgrade kits to dealers that will correct this problem and that several thousand of the affected outboards have previously been corrected by OMC through the installation of these upgrade kits.

The Coast Guard warns all boaters that there is a serious danger of a fire or explosion with continued use of uncorrected 1999 and 2000 model year Evinrude FICHT 200 horsepower and 225 horsepower outboard motors that could result in serious injury or death.

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Kenneth T. Venuto,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Director of Operations Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

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Commercial Fishing Industry Vessel Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Commercial Fishing Industry Vessel Advisory Committee (CFIVAC) will meet to discuss various issues relating to commercial vessel safety in the fishing industry. The meetings are open to the public.

DATES: CFIVAC will meet on Wednesday, May 2, 2001, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and May 3, 2001, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The meeting may close early if all business is finished. Requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard on or before April 16, 2001. Written material for distribution at the meeting should reach the Coast Guard on or before April 23, 2001. Requests to have a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee should reach the Coast Guard on or before April 9, 2001.

ADDRESSES: CFIVAC will meet in the Doubletree Hotel, 1230 Congress Street, Portland, ME. Send written material and requests to make oral presentations to Captain Jon Sarubbi, Commandant (G-MOC), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. This notice is available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Captain Jon Sarubbi, Executive Director

of CFIVAC, or Lieutenant Commander Jennifer Williams, Assistant to the Executive Director, telephone (202) 267-0507, fax (202) 267-0506.

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

Agenda of Meeting

The agenda includes the following:

(1) Introduction, recognition of committee members achievements, and approval of last meeting's minutes.

(2) Tour of Portland's fishing piers and fish auction.

(3) Status report from the Coast Guard on legislative change proposal process and regulatory projects with respect to mandatory exams, training requirements, stability requirements, and immersion suit requirements.

(4) Presentation by the Coast Guard on "Operation Safe Crab" conducted in the Thirteenth Coast Guard District.

(5) Presentation by LCDR Jennifer Lincoln, NIOSH, on prevention studies conducted by NIOSH.

(6) Presentation of Portland, ME, concept for a safety training center for fishermen.

Procedural

The meeting is open to the public. Please note that the meeting may close early if all business is finished. At the Chair's discretion, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meeting. If you would like to make an oral presentation at the meeting, please notify the Executive Director no later than April 16, 2001. Written material for distribution at the meeting should reach the Coast Guard no later than April 23, 2001. If you would like a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee in advance of the meeting, please submit 25 copies to the Executive Director no later than April 9, 2001.

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact the Executive Director as soon as possible.

Dated: March 27, 2001.

J.P. High,

Acting Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

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