

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration****RTCA Special Committee 195; Flight Information Services Communications (FISC)**

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for Special Committee (SC)-195 meeting to be held May 31-June 1, 2001, starting at 8:30 a.m. each day. The meeting will be held at RTCA, Inc., 1140 Connecticut Ave., NW., Suite 1020, Washington, DC 20036.

The agenda will include: May 31: Plenary convenes: (1) Welcome and Introductory Remarks; (2) Review Meeting Agenda; (3) Working Group (WG)-1, Aircraft Cockpit Weather Display; Plenary reconvenes: (4) Review of Previous Meeting Minutes; (5) Report from WG-1 on Activities; (6) Review of Product Registry Guidance Draft Document; June 1: (7) Review of NOTAMS and D-ATIS Draft Specification; (8) Work on Change 1, RTCA Minimum Aviation System Performance Standards (MASPS) for FIS/B; (9) Other Business; (10) Date and place of Next Meeting; (11) Closing.

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairman, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the RTCA Secretariat, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 1020, Washington, DC 20036; (202) 833-9339 (phone); (202) 833-9434 (fax); or <http://www.rtca.org> (web site). Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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**Janice L. Peters,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration****RTCA Special Committee 172; Future Air-Ground Communications in the VHF Aeronautical Data Band (118-137 MHz)**

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for Special Committee 172 meeting to be held May 22-24, 2001, starting at 9 a.m. The meeting will be held at RTCA, 1140 Connecticut

Avenue, NW., Suite 1020, Washington, DC 20036.

The agenda will include: May 22: Plenary Session Convenes; (1) Introductory Remarks; (2) Review Meeting Agenda; (3) Review Previous Meeting Minutes; (4) Disposition the Final Review and Comment (FRAC) Form comments for DO-224A, Change 1 (VHF Data Link MASPS); (5) Disposition the FRAC Form comments for VHF Data Link MOPS Mode 3. May 23 and 24: (6) Disposition of the FRAC Form comments continues; (7) Review ICAO Aeronautical Mobile Communications Panel (AMCP) and EUROCAE WG-47 Activities; (a) Aeronautical Operational Control Over Aircraft Communications Addressing and Reporting Systems (AOA) in MOPS; (b) Ground Reference Station requirements; (c) ARINC 631 Specification vs. SARP's vs. MOPS/MASPS maintenance issues; (8) Report on Next Generation Communications (NEXCOM) Advisory Rulemaking Committee (NARC) and other FAA digital activities; (9) Report on Airline Electronic Engineering Committee Systems Architecture Interfaces Subcommittee (AEEC SAI) work on NEXCOM; (10) Other Business; (11) Date and Location of Next Meeting; (13) Closing.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Highway Administration****Environmental Impact Statement: Bolivar, Sunflower, Coahoma, and Tunica Counties, Mississippi**

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Highway Administration is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental

impact statement will be prepared for the I-69 Corridor Study in the above referenced counties in Mississippi.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Cecil Vick, Realty Officer/Environmental Coordinator, Federal Highway Administration, 666 North Street, Suite 105, Jackson, MS 39202-3199, Telephone: (601) 965-4217. Contacts at the State and local level, respectively are: Mr. Claiborne Barnwell, Environmental/Location Division Engineer, Mississippi Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 1850, Jackson, MS 39215-1850, telephone: (601) 359-7920; Mr. James Dickerson III, District 2 Engineer, Mississippi Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 660, Batesville, MS 38606, telephone (662) 563-4541; and Mr. Walter Lyons, District 3 Engineer, Mississippi Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 630, Yazoo City, MS, 39194, telephone (662) 746-2513.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA, in cooperation with the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a segment of the proposed Interstate 69 corridor in Mississippi.

This segment of the proposed interstate would be located in one of at least three identified corridor areas. It has logical termini at the Great River Bridge crossing of the Mississippi River near Benoit, Mississippi, and at Mississippi Highway 304 east of Robinsonville in Tunica County, Mississippi.

This approximately 100-mile section of I-69 in Mississippi is a part of the much larger transcontinental highway 69 project extending from Canada to Mexico. The purpose of the I-69 project in Mississippi is very similar to the national purpose of improving international and interstate trade and facilitating economic development. I-69 is also a transportation recommendation of the Delta Initiative. The Delta Initiative is aimed at the revitalization and economic development of the Lower Mississippi Delta. The I-69 corridor, after crossing the Mississippi River, will enter Mississippi at its western termini in Bolivar County and extend in a generally northerly direction through several Mississippi Delta counties exiting Desoto County to Memphis, Tennessee. The highway is a proposed full control of access facility, and interchanges will be studied at various locations.

Alternatives under consideration include (1) taking no action and (2) build alternatives.

The FHWA and MDOT are seeking input as a part of the scoping process to assist in determining and clarifying issues relative to this project. Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate federal, state, and local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have interest in this proposal. A formal scoping meeting with federal, state, and local agencies, and other interested parties will be held in the near future.

Coordination will be continued with appropriate federal, state, and local agencies, tribes, and private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have an interest in this proposal. Of paramount importance to this effort is the public participation process. Several public involvement meetings will be held, a newsletter will be developed, and a website will be created to keep the public informed. The draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the official public hearing.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

**Andrew H. Hughes,**

*Division Administrator, Jackson, Mississippi.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket Number MARAD-2001-9615]

#### 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 ISABELLA.

**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 June 8, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2001-9615. 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:**

Kathleen Dunn, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, MAR-832 Room 7201, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-2307.

**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: *Isabella*. Owner: A B Creel, LLC.

(2) Size, capacity and tonnage of vessel. According to the applicant: "Length 58 feet, Breadth 16.1 feet, Depth 11.7 feet, Gross Tons 54, Net Tons 49, Measurement pursuant to 46 U.S.C. 14502"

(3) Intended use for vessel, including geographic region of intended operation and trade. According to the applicant: "Vessel will be used for six to twelve passenger charters. Vessels' intended market is corporate charters for full day sails and meetings and overnight or weekend charters for one or two couples. Areas will be out of Fajardo, Puerto Rico and local islands, Culebra and Vieques November through June and the mid-Chesapeake Bay and local waters July through October."

(4) Date and Place of construction and (if applicable) rebuilding. Date of construction: 1997. Place of construction: Kaohsiung Hsien Taiwan, Republic of China."

(5) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on other commercial passenger vessel operators. According to the applicant: "Fajardo, Puerto Rico. The industry in Puerto Rico is limited to sports fishing vessels, large multi-hulls, bare boats, and a single mono-hull vessel of which I am aware. There will be no impact on the sports fishing vessels. There will be no impact on the large multi-hulls as these are big catamarans, which \* \* \* take out large groups \* \* \* for hotel guests. There is no impact on the bare boat charter fleet as they are all foreign manufactured vessels and are strictly for rent with the renter being the captain. The single mono-hull in the same area is overbooked most of the time and turns down enough charters that the overflow to my vessel alone would keep me in business with out competing for customers. \* \* \* There are no other vessels like the one I operate in Puerto Rico and there is a high demand, since most vessels of my size and quality charter out of the U.S. or British Virgin islands \* \* \* If my analysis of this market is as accurate \* \* \* I alone will not be able to fill the demand and my presence will not unduly adversely affect existing operations \* \* \*

Chesapeake Bay: I intend my primary base to be in the Solomon Island area of the Chesapeake Bay. There are some very large day sail vessels in the Norfolk area and the Baltimore and Annapolis area of the bay however these are mostly to take out large groups 20 to 100 on