

credit guarantee by the United States of debt obligations issued to finance or refinance the construction or reconstruction of vessels. In addition, the program allows for financing shipyard modernization and improvement projects.

Need and Use of the Information: The information collected is necessary for MARAD officials to evaluate an applicant's project and capabilities, make the required determinations, and administer any agreements executed upon approval of loan guarantees.

Description of Respondents: Individuals/businesses interested in obtaining loan guarantees for construction or reconstruction of vessels satisfying criteria under the Merchant Marine Act, as well as businesses interested in shipyard modernization and improvements.

Annual Responses: 21.

Annual Burden: 1470 hours.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: March 19, 2002.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket Number: MARAD-2002-11872]

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 LADY CATHERINE.

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 Public Law 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 April 25, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2002-11872. 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 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 (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: LADY CATHERINE. Owner: Felton Havins, Jr.

(2) Size, capacity and tonnage of vessel. According to the applicant: "Twenty-five thousand pounds gross weight, 49.2 Feet Length"

(3) Intended use for vessel, including geographic region of intended operation and trade. According to the applicant: The vessel is currently located in Amelia Island, Florida and will be use

primarily in that part of the coastal southeastern US with occasional transits to the Bahamas. The vessel is principally for my personal use with proposed leasing from time to time to a local sailing school as an instructional vehicle for their advanced/offshore courses. I also anticipate occasional (approximately six times per year) charters for a maximum of six passengers"

(4) Date and Place of construction and (if applicable) rebuilding. Date of construction: 1991. Place of construction: France.

(5) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on other commercial passenger vessel operators. According to the applicant: "LADY CATHERINE is the largest and most fully equipped sailing vessel available in the local six passenger sailing charter market. The local sailing school has no access to any other comparably equipped vessel for their advanced classes of instruction"

(6) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on U.S. shipyards. According to the applicant: "LADY CATHERINE was built in 1991. Therefore, there is no foreseeable negative impact on US shipyards. To the contrary, currently all maintenance and upgrades are being performed locally in US owned/operated shipyards."

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

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Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket Number: MARAD-2002-11873]

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 MISTLETOE.

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