

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Maritime Administration****Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review**

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The nature of the information collection is described as well as its expected burden. The **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on July 10, 2008, and comments were due by September 8, 2008. No comments were received.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before October 23, 2008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Otto Strassburg, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202-366-4161; FAX: 202-366-7901; or e-mail: [joe.strassburg@dot.gov](mailto:joe.strassburg@dot.gov). Copies of this collection also can be obtained from that office.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Maritime Administration (MARAD).

*Title:* Seamen's Claims—

Administrative Action and Litigation.

*OMB Control Number:* 2133-0522.

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

*Affected Public:* Officers or members of a crew who suffered death, injury, or illness while employed on vessels owned or operated by the United States. Also included are surviving dependents, beneficiaries, and legal representatives of officers or crew members.

*Forms:* None.

*Abstract:* The collection consists of information obtained from claimants for death, injury, or illness suffered while serving as officers or members of a crew on board a vessel owned or operated by the United States. The Maritime Administration reviews the information and makes a determination regarding the issues of agency and vessel liability and the reasonableness of the recovery demand.

*Annual Estimated Burden Hours:* 750 hours.

*Addressee:* Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and

Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention MARAD Desk Officer.

*Comments Are Invited On:* Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

**Authority:** 49 CFR 1.66.

Issued in Washington, DC on September 15, 2008.

**Leonard Sutter,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Maritime Administration**

**[Docket No. Marad 2008 0088]**

**Information Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations**

**ACTION:** Notice of intention to request extension of OMB approval and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Maritime Administration's (MARAD's) intention to request extension of approval (with modifications) for three years of a currently approved information collection.

**DATES:** Comments should be submitted on or before November 24, 2008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rita Jackson by Telephone: 202-366-0248; or e-mail: [rita.jackson@dot.gov](mailto:rita.jackson@dot.gov), or Anne Dougherty by Telephone: 202-366-5469; or e-mail:

[anne.dougherty@dot.gov](mailto:anne.dougherty@dot.gov), Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Maritime Administration (MARAD).

*Title of Collection:* Service Obligation Compliance Report and Merchant Marine Reserve U.S. Naval Reserve Annual Report.

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

*OMB Control Number:* 2133-0509.

*Form Numbers:* MA-930.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* Three years from date of approval by the Office of Management and Budget.

*Summary of Collection of Information:* The Maritime Education and Training Act of 1980, imposes a service obligation on every graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and every subsidized State maritime academy graduate who received a student incentive payment. This mandatory service obligation is for the Federal financial assistance and graduate to maintain a license as an officer in the merchant marine and to report annually on reserve status, training and employment.

*Need and Use of the Information:* This information collection is necessary to determine if a graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy or subsidized State maritime academy graduate is complying with the terms of the service obligation.

*Description of Respondents:* Graduates of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and every subsidized State maritime academy graduate who receive a student incentive payment.

*Annual Responses:* 1436 response.

*Annual Burden:* 718 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 W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. Comments also may be submitted by electronic means via the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov/search/index.jsp>.

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 (or EST), Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays. An electronic version of this document is available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.regulations.gov/search/index.jsp>.

*Privacy Act:* Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association,