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By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: February 13, 2012.

**Julie P. Agarwal,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD 2011]

#### Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel SELAH; Invitation for Public Comments

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As authorized by 46 U.S.C. 12121, 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 brief description of the proposed service, is listed below.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before March 26, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2012-0011. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk,

U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. 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://www.regulations.gov>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joann Spittle, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W21-203, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-5979, Email [Joann.Spittle@dot.gov](mailto:Joann.Spittle@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel SELAH is:

*Intended Commercial Use of Vessel:* "Skipped charters."

*Geographic Region:* "California."

The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD-2012-0011 at <http://www.regulations.gov>. 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, in accordance with 46 U.S.C. 12121 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388, 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 in that business, a waiver will not be granted. 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.

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By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: February 13, 2012.

**Julie P. Agarwal,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD 2012 0012]

#### Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel SILVER MOON; Invitation for Public Comments

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As authorized by 46 U.S.C. 12121, 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 brief description of the proposed service, is listed below.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before March 26, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2012-0012. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. 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://www.regulations.gov>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joann Spittle, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W21-203, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-5979, Email [Joann.Spittle@dot.gov](mailto:Joann.Spittle@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel SILVER MOON is:

*Intended Commercial Use of Vessel:* "Catamaran Sailing Charters, both term and day charters with 6 or fewer

passengers. All charters to have captain aboard.”

*Geographic Region:* “Most charters in Rhode Island and Massachusetts waters. Additionally in Connecticut, New Hampshire, and Maine.”

The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD–2012–0012 at <http://www.regulations.gov>. 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, in accordance with 46 U.S.C. 12121 and MARAD’s regulations at 46 CFR part 388, 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 in that business, a waiver will not be granted. 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.

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published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477–78).

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.  
Dated: February 13, 2012.

**Julie P. Agarwal,**  
*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Maritime Administration**

[Docket Number MARAD–2012–0015]

**Intent of Preparation of a Programmatic Environmental Assessment, To Open a Public Scoping Period, and To Conduct Public Scoping Meetings**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent of Preparation of a Programmatic Environmental Assessment, to Open a Public Scoping Period, and to Conduct Public Scoping Meetings.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Maritime Administration (MarAd), of the U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT), will prepare a Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 that will evaluate potential environmental effects associated with the performance of the America’s

Marine Highway Program. The PEA will identify and assess potential environmental impacts from the proposed actions and a range of reasonable alternatives so MarAd can determine, what if any, additional analysis may be required including, whether to prepare environmental impact statement(s) (EIS) or issuing finding(s) of no significant impact (FONSI). MarAd is initiating a scoping process to identify community concerns and local issues that will be addressed in the PEA. MarAd plans to hold public scoping meetings regionally to obtain input from the public. The meetings will be conducted using an open house format with informational displays and materials available for public review. There will be no formal presentations. MarAd staff will be present at this open house to answer general questions on the proposed action and the PEA process. If at any point during the preparation of the PEA, MarAd determines that it is necessary to prepare an EIS, this scoping process will serve as the scoping process that would normally follow a Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS.

*Dates and Locations:* The NEPA scoping period ends on April 16, 2012. Comments will only be accepted at the scoping meetings or on [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) under the docket number 2012–0015. Comment forms will be provided at each public scoping meeting. Comments received at the meetings will be scanned and uploaded to the docket.

City/state	Date	Location	Time
<b>East Coast/Gulf Coast</b>			
Charleston, South Carolina (SC).	Tuesday, March 6, 2012 .....	North Charleston High School: 1087 East Montague Avenue, North Charleston, SC 29405.	6–8 p.m.
New Orleans, Louisiana (LA) ...	Thursday, March 8, 2012 .....	De La Salle High School: 5300 Saint Charles Ave, New Orleans, LA 70115.	6–8 p.m.
Miami, Florida (FL) .....	Tuesday, March 13, 2012 .....	Florida Department of Transportation: District Six, 1000 NW 111 Avenue, Miami, FL 33172.	6–8 p.m.
Boston, Massachusetts (MA) ....	Thursday, March 15, 2012 .....	Charlestown High School: 240 Medford Street, Charlestown, MA 02129.	6–8 p.m.
<b>West Coast/Great Lakes/Mississippi</b>			
San Diego, California (CA) .....	Tuesday, March 20, 2012 .....	Coronado Public Library: 640 Orange Avenue, Coronado, CA 92118.	6–8 p.m.
Portland, Oregon (OR) .....	Thursday, March 22, 2012 .....	Roosevelt High School: 6941 N Central Street, Portland, OR 97203.	6–8 p.m.
Chicago, Illinois (IL) .....	Monday, March 26, 2012 .....	Jones College Prep School: 606 South State Street, Chicago, IL 60605.	6–8 p.m.
Cleveland, Ohio (OH) .....	Wednesday, March 28, 2012 ..	Horizon Science Academy Cleveland High School: 6000 South Marginal Road, Cleveland, OH 44103.	6–8 p.m.
St. Louis, Missouri (MO) .....	Thursday, March 29, 2012 .....	Jennings Junior High School: 8831 Cozens Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63136.	6–8 p.m.

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deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 to contact the above