funding, the PWSRCAC must annually show that it “fosters the goals and purposes” of OPA 90 and is “broadly representative of the communities and interests in the vicinity of the terminal facilities and Prince William Sound.” The PWSRCAC is an independent, nonprofit organization founded in 1989. Though it receives federal oversight like many independent, non-profit organizations, it is not a federal agency. The PWSRCAC is a local organization that predates the passage of OPA 90. The existence of the PWSRCAC was specifically recognized in OPA 90 where it is defined as an “alternate voluntary advisory group.” Alyeska funds the PWSRCAC, and the Coast Guard makes sure the PWSRCRC operates in a fashion that is broadly consistent with OPA 90.

Recertification

By letter dated February 27th, 2012, the Commander, Seventeenth Coast Guard certified that the PWSRCAC qualifies as an alternative voluntary advisory group under 33 U.S.C. 2732(o). This recertification terminates on February 28, 2013.

Dated: March 5, 2012.

T.P. Ostelo,
Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard Commander, Seventeenth Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG–2012–0212]

Navigation Safety Advisory Council

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Navigation Safety Advisory Council (NAVSAC) will meet on April 17–18, 2012, in Arlington, Virginia to discuss matters relating to maritime collisions, ramming, groundings, Inland and International Rules of the Road, navigation regulations and equipment, routing measures, marine information, diving safety, and aids to navigation systems. The meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: NAVSAC will meet Tuesday, April 17, 2012, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Wednesday, April 18, 2012, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please note that the meeting may close early if the committee has completed its business. Pre-registration and written comments are due April 13, 2012.

For further information contact: If you have questions about this meeting, please contact Mr. Mike Sollows, the NAVSAC Alternate Designated Federal Officer (ADFO), at telephone 202–372–1545 or email mike.m.sollows@uscg.mil, or Mr. Dennis Fahr, at telephone 202–372–1531 or email dennis.fahr@uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202–366–9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2 (Pub. L. 92–463).

The NAVSAC is an advisory committee authorized by 33 U.S.C. 2073 and chartered under the provisions of the FACA. NAVSAC provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary, through the Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, on matters relating to prevention of maritime collisions, ramming, and groundings, Inland and International Rules of the Road, navigation regulations and equipment, routing measures, marine information, diving safety, and aids to navigation systems.

Agenda

The NAVSAC will meet to review, discuss and formulate recommendations on the following topics:

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

(1) Update on all past Resolutions to the Council.

The Council will receive an update on the status of all outstanding resolutions and decide disposition as appropriate.

(2) Navigation Rules Regulatory Project.

The Council will receive an update on the Coast Guard’s progress toward implementing NAVSAC proposed changes to the Inland Navigation Rules.


Under the auspices of the Committee on the Marine Transportation System, the Coast Guard and other agencies have developed a National e-Navigation Strategy that will establish a framework for data exchange between and among ships and shore facilities. The Council will receive an update and discuss the implementation plan for the Strategy.

(4) Electronic Chart Display and Information System (ECDIS) Anomalies.

Mandatory carriage of ECDIS will be phased in over a six year period beginning in 2012. This series of presentations will inform the Council of developments and difficulties encountered in deploying ECDIS, including accuracy of charted positions,
the types of vessels to be impacted, and training requirements for ECDIS.

(5) Navigation 2040 and the aid mix of the future.

The Council will receive a briefing on the determination of the future mix of visual and electronic Aids to Navigation (ATON).

(6) Automatic Identification System (AIS) ATON Symbols.

The Council will receive a briefing and comment on proposed chart symbols for new electronic Aids to Navigation.

(7) Atlantic Coast Ports Access Route Study (ACPARS).

The Council will receive a briefing on the ACPARS undertaken to accommodate offshore wind energy development.

(8) Form Council working groups to discuss the preceding topics as appropriate.

Public comments or questions will be taken at the discretion of the DFO during the discussion and recommendations portion of the meeting as well as during the public comment period.

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

(1) Working Group Discussions continued from April 17.

(2) Working Group Reports presented to the Council.

(3) New Business:


The Coast Guard will update the Council on recent decisions and planned outputs of the IMO Safety Navigation Subcommittee.

b. Summary of NAVSAC Action Items.

c. Schedule Next Meeting Date—Fall 2012.

d. Committee discussion/address of new tasks.

(4) A public comment period will be held after the discussion/address of new tasks. Speakers’ comments are limited to 10 minutes each. Public comments or questions will be taken at the discretion of the DFO during the discussion and recommendations, and new business portion of the meeting.

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