

(2) Swear in newly appointed Committee members.

(3) Remarks from U.S. Coast Guard Leadership.

(4) Designated Federal Officer announcements.

(5) Roll call of Committee members and determination of a quorum.

(6) Reports from the following Working Groups:

(a) Task Statement 87, Review of policy documents providing guidance on the implementation of the December 24, 2013, International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers rulemaking;

(b) Task Statement 89, Review and update of the International Maritime Organization's Maritime Safety Committee Circular MSC.1014, "Guidelines on Fatigue Mitigation and Management";

(c) Task Statement 96, Review and comment on the course and program approval requirements including 46 CFR 10.402, 10.403, 10.407 and Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular 03-14 guidelines for approval of training courses and programs;

(d) Task Statement 98, continue the progress made by the military services towards meeting the goals on the use of Military Education, Training and Assessment for STCW and National Mariner Endorsements as identified in the Howard Coble Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2014 and subsequent legislation;

(e) Task Statement 99, Review and comment on the "Guidelines for Issuing Endorsement for Tankerman PIC Restricted to Fuel Transfers on Towing Vessels" policy letter (CG-MMC Policy Letter No. 01-17);

(f) Task Statement 101, Provide feedback and avenues to further enhance open communication between external stakeholders and the U.S. Coast Guard's mariner credentialing program regarding all aspects of the program;

(g) Task Statement 102, consider and make recommendations regarding the current requirement for a U.S. Merchant Mariner to read and write using English;

(h) Task Statement 103, Input to Support Regulatory Reform of Coast Guard Regulations-Executive Orders 13771 and 13783.

(7) Other items for discussion:

(a) Report on the Implementation of the 2010 Amendments to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping;

(b) Report on National Maritime Center activities from the National Maritime Center Commanding Officer, such as the net processing time it takes

for mariners to receive their credentials after application submittal;

(c) Report on Mariner Credentialing Program Policy Division activities, such as its current initiatives and projects;

(d) Report on International Maritime Organization/International Labor Organization issues related to the merchant marine industry; and

(e) Briefings about on-going U.S. Coast Guard projects related to personnel in the U.S. merchant marine.

(8) Public comment period.

(9) Discussion of Working Group recommendations.

The Committee will review the information presented on each issue, deliberate on any recommendations presented by the Working Groups, and approve/formulate recommendations. Official action on these recommendations may be taken on this date.

(10) Closing remarks/plans for next meeting.

(11) Adjournment of meeting.

A public comment period will be held during each Working Group and full Committee meeting concerning matters being discussed.

A copy of all meeting documentation will be available at <https://homeport.uscg.mil/merpac> no later than September 4, 2017. Alternatively, you may contact Lieutenant Junior Grade James Fortin as noted in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION** section above.

Public comments will be limited to three minutes per speaker. Please note that the public comment periods will end following the last call for comments. Please contact Lieutenant Junior Grade James Fortin, listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section, to register as a speaker.

Please note that the meeting may adjourn early if the work is completed.

Dated: August 15, 2017.

Jeffrey G. Lantz,

Director of Commercial Regulations and Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG-2017-0734]

Navigation Safety Advisory Council; Vacancies

AGENCY: U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Request for applications.

SUMMARY: The U. S. Coast Guard seeks applications for membership on the Navigation Safety Advisory Council.

The Navigation Safety Advisory Council provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Homeland Security, through the Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, on matters relating to maritime collisions, rammings, and groundings; Inland Rules of the Road; International Rules of the Road; navigation regulations and equipment, routing measures, marine information, diving safety, and aids to navigation systems.

DATES: Completed applications should be submitted to the U. S. Coast Guard on or before October 23, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Applicants should send a cover letter expressing interest in an appointment to the Navigation Safety Advisory Council that also identifies which membership category the applicant is applying under, along with a resume detailing the applicant's experience via one of the following methods:

- *By Email:* George.H.Detweiler@uscg.mil, Subject line: The Navigation Safety Advisory Council;

- *By Fax:* 202-372-1991 ATTN: Mr. George Detweiler, Alternate Designated Federal Officer; or

- *By Mail:* Commandant (CG-NAV-2)/NAVSAC Attn: Mr. George Detweiler, Alternate Designated Federal Officer, Commandant (CG-NAV-2), U.S. Coast Guard 2703 Martin Luther King Avenue SE., STOP 7418, Washington, DC 20593-7418

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. George Detweiler, Alternate Designated Federal Officer of the Navigation Safety Advisory Council; 202-372-1566 or email at George.H.Detweiler@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Navigation Safety Advisory Council is a federal advisory committee authorized by 33 U.S.C. 2073 and chartered under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, (Title 5, U.S.C., Appendix).

The Navigation Safety Advisory Council provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary, through the Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, on matters relating to maritime collisions, rammings, and groundings; Inland Rules of the Road; International Rules of the Road; navigation regulations and equipment, routing measures, marine information, diving safety, and aids to navigation systems.

The Navigation Safety Advisory Council normally meets twice a year. All members serve at their own expense and receive no salary or other

compensation from the Federal Government. The only exception to this policy is when attending the Navigation Safety Advisory Council meetings; members may be reimbursed for travel and expenses and provided per diem in accordance with Federal Travel Regulations.

The Coast Guard will consider applications for seven positions that will be vacant on November 4, 2017, in the following membership categories only:

- a. Commercial vessel owners and operators;
- b. Professional mariners;
- c. Recreational boaters;
- d. The recreational boating industry; and
- e. The Maritime Law Association.

Each member will be appointed to represent the viewpoints and interests of one of the groups or organizations, and at least one member will be appointed to represent each membership category. All members serve as representatives and are not Special Government Employees as defined in Section 202(a), Title 18, U.S.C.

To be eligible, you should have experience in one of the categories listed above. Members serve terms of office of up to three (3) years. Members may be considered to serve up to two (2) consecutive terms. In the event the Navigation Safety Advisory Council terminates, all appointments to the Council terminate.

The Department of Homeland Security does not discriminate in selection of Council members on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, disabilities and genetic information, age, membership in an employee organization, or any other non-merit factor. The Department of Homeland Security strives to achieve a widely diverse candidate pool for all of its recruitment actions.

If you are interested in applying to become a member of the Council, send your cover letter and resume to

Mr. George Detweiler, the Navigation Safety Advisory Council, Alternate Designated Federal Officer via one of the transmittal methods in the

ADDRESSES section by the deadline in the **DATES** section of this notice. All email submittals will receive email receipt confirmation.

Dated: August 16, 2017.

Michael D. Emerson,

Director, Marine Transportation Systems.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG-2017-0767]

Merchant Mariner Medical Advisory Committee

AGENCY: U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Merchant Mariner Medical Advisory Committee and its Working Groups will meet to discuss matters relating to medical certification determinations for issuance of licenses, certificates of registry, and merchant mariners' documents, medical standards and guidelines for the physical qualifications of operators of commercial vessels, medical examiner education, and medical research. The meetings will be open to the public.

DATES: The Merchant Mariner Medical Advisory Committee and its Working Groups are scheduled to meet on Tuesday, September 12, 2017, and Wednesday, September 13, 2017, from 8 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Please note that these meetings may adjourn early if the Committee has completed its business.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at Seattle University, in the Bannan Auditorium, 901 12th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98122-1090 (<https://www.seattleu.edu/>).

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact the Alternate Designated Federal Officer as soon as possible using the contact information provided in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice.

Instructions: You are free to submit comments at any time, including orally at the meetings, but if you want Committee members to review your comment before the meetings, please submit your comments no later than September 6, 2017. We are particularly interested in comments on the issues in the "Agenda" section below. You must include "Department of Homeland Security" and the docket number USCG-2017-0767. Written comments may also be submitted using the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. If you encounter technical difficulties with comments submission, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section below. Comments received will be posted without

alteration at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. You may review the Privacy and Security Notice for the Federal Docket Management System at <https://www.regulations.gov/privacyNotice>.

Docket Search: For access to the docket to read documents or comments related to this notice, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, type USCG-2017-0767 in the "Search" box, press Enter, and then click on the item you wish to view.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lieutenant Junior Grade James Fortin, Alternate Designated Federal Officer of the Merchant Mariner Medical Advisory Committee, 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. SE., Stop 7509, Washington, DC 20593-7509, telephone 202-372-1128, fax 202-372-8385 or james.l.fortin@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is pursuant with the *Federal Advisory Committee Act*, Title 5 United States Code Appendix.

The Merchant Mariner Medical Advisory Committee Meeting is authorized by section 210 of the U.S. Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010 (Pub. L. 111-281, codified at 46 United States Code 7115). The Committee advises the Secretary on matters related to (a) medical certification determinations for issuance of licenses, certificates of registry, and merchant mariners' documents; (b) medical standards and guidelines for the physical qualifications of operators of commercial vessels; (c) medical examiner education; and (d) medical research.

Agenda

Day 1

The agenda for the September 12, 2017, meeting is as follows:

- (1) Opening remarks from the Designated Federal Officer.
- (2) Opening remarks from U.S. Coast Guard leadership.
- (3) Roll call of Committee members and determination of a quorum.
- (4) Public comment period.
- (5) Working Groups will separately address the following task statements which are available for viewing at <https://homeport.uscg.mil/medmac>.
 - (a) Task statement 15-13, Mariner Occupational Health Risk Study Analysis. This is a joint task statement with the Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee;
 - (b) Task statement 16-24, requesting recommendations on appropriate diets and wellness for mariners while aboard merchant vessels;