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**Authority:** 49 CFR 1.93(a), 46 U.S.C. § 55103, 46 U.S.C. § 12121.

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By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: February 6, 2018.

**T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2018-0018]

#### Request for Comments on the Renewal of a Previously Approved Information Collection: Application and Reporting Requirements for Participation in the Maritime Security Program

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

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

**SUMMARY:** The Maritime Administration (MARAD) invites public comments on our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection. The information to be collected will be used to determine if selected vessels are qualified to participate in the Maritime Security Program. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before April 13, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments [identified by Docket No. DOT-MARAD-2018-0018 through one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Search using the above DOT docket number and follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.

- *Mail or Hand Delivery:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

*Comments are invited on:* (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the Department's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for the Department to enhance the quality,

utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

William McDonald, 202-366-0688, Office of Sealift Support, Maritime Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W23-308, Washington, DC 20590.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Application and Reporting Requirements for Participation in the Maritime Security Program.

*OMB Control Number:* 2133-0525.

*Type of Request:* Renewal of a Previously Approved Information Collection.

*Abstract:* The Maritime Security Act of 2003 extended under Section 3508 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013, Public Law 112-239 provides for the enrollment of qualified vessels in the Maritime Security Program Fleet. Applications and amendments are used to select vessels for the fleet. Periodic reporting is used to monitor adherence of contractors to program parameters.

*Respondents:* Vessel operators.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for Profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 15.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 195.

*Annual Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 210.

*Frequency of Response:* Monthly/Annually.

(Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.93.)

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2018-0016]

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

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** 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 14, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2018-0016. 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 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Bianca Carr, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W23-453, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-9309, Email [Bianca.carr@dot.gov](mailto:Bianca.carr@dot.gov).

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

—*Intended Commercial Use of Vessel:*

“The intended commercial use of the vessel is sightseeing charters, sightseeing tours, and bareboat charters in the NY, NJ, and CT tri-state area”

—*Geographic Region:* “New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia”

The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD-2018-0016 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