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Where do I go to read public comments, and find supporting information?

Go to the docket online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, keyword search MARAD–2021–0149 or visit the Docket Management Facility (see **ADDRESSES** for hours of operation). We recommend that you periodically check the Docket for new submissions and supporting material.

Will my comments be made available to the public?

Yes. Be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, will be made publicly available.

May I submit comments confidentially?

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In the event MARAD receives a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the information, procedures described in the Department’s FOIA regulation at 49 CFR 7.29 will be followed. Only information that is ultimately determined to be confidential under those procedures will be exempt from disclosure under FOIA.

Privacy Act

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice, DOT/ALL–14 FDMS, accessible through www.dot.gov/privacy. To facilitate comment tracking and response, we encourage commenters to provide their name, or the name of their organization; however, submission of names is completely optional. Whether or not commenters identify themselves, all timely comments will be fully considered.

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

By Order of the Acting Maritime Administrator.

T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD–2021–0144]

Coastwise Endorsement Eligibility Determination for a Foreign-Built Vessel: WEATHERLY (Sail); Invitation for Public Comments

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to issue coastwise endorsement eligibility determinations for foreign-built vessels which will carry no more than twelve passengers for hire. A request for such a determination has been received by MARAD. By this notice, MARAD seeks comments from interested parties as to any effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. Information about the requestor’s vessel, including a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below.

DATES: Submit comments on or before October 12, 2021.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number MARAD–2021–0144 by any one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Search MARAD–2021–0144 and follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail or Hand Delivery:* Docket Management Facility is in the West Building, Ground Floor of the U.S. Department of Transportation. The Docket Management Facility location address is: U.S. Department of Transportation, MARAD–2021–0144, 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.

Note: If you mail or hand-deliver your comments, we recommend that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a telephone number in the body of your

document so that we can contact you if we have questions regarding your submission.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and specific docket number. All comments received will be posted without change to the docket at www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided. For detailed instructions on submitting comments, or to submit comments that are confidential in nature, see the section entitled Public Participation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James Mead, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W23–459, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202–366–5723, Email James.Mead@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As described in the application, the intended service of the vessel WEATHERLY is:

—*Intended Commercial Use of Vessel:*

“Carrying passengers for hire.”

—*Geographic Region Including Base of Operations:* “East Coast of the United States, Maine to Florida” (Base of Operations: Oxford, MD)

—*Vessel Length and Type:* 67’ Sail

The complete application is available for review identified in the DOT docket as MARAD 2021–0144 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 employment of the vessel in the coastwise trade to carry no more than 12 passengers will have an undue adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels in that business, MARAD will not issue an approval of the vessel’s coastwise endorsement eligibility. Comments should refer to the vessel name, state the commenter’s interest in the application, and address the eligibility criteria given in section 388.4 of MARAD’s regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

Public Participation

How do I submit comments?

Please submit your comments, including the attachments, following the instructions provided under the above heading entitled **ADDRESSES**. Be advised that it may take a few hours or even days for your comment to be reflected on the docket. In addition, your comments must be written in English. We encourage you to provide concise

comments and you may attach additional documents as necessary. There is no limit on the length of the attachments.

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Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA–2021–0060]

NHTSA Safety Research Portfolio Public Meeting: Fall 2021

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Announcement of public meeting.

SUMMARY: NHTSA is announcing its 2021 safety research portfolio public meeting where the agency’s Vehicle Safety Research and Behavioral Safety Research offices will present information on activities related to the agency’s safety research programs. Representatives from across the research offices will present the information in a virtual panel format. Questions from the audience will be accepted following presentations in a format to be determined.

DATES: NHTSA will host the public meeting on October 19–21, 2021, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time (EST) each day. The meeting will be held virtually. Registration to attend the meeting must be received no later than October 15, 2021. The public docket will remain open for comment for 90 days following the conclusion of the public meeting, until January 19, 2022.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held virtually via GoToWebinar. The virtual meeting’s online access link and a detailed agenda will be provided upon registration. The meeting will also be recorded and made available after the event for offline viewing at <https://www.nhtsa.gov/events/research-public-meeting-2021> listed under the title of the public meeting.

Following the public meeting, you may send comments, identified by Docket No. NHTSA–2021–0060, by any of the following methods:

- **Federal Rulemaking Portal:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- **Mail:** Docket Management Facility: U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building

Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

• **Hand Delivery or Courier:** 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590–0001, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call 202–366–9826 before coming.

- **Fax:** 202–366–1767.

Instructions: All submissions must include the agency name and docket number. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act discussion below.

Docket: For access to the docket go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time or to 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays. Telephone: 202–366–9826.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about the public meeting, please contact Lisa Floyd at 202–366–4697, or by email at Lisa.Floyd@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Each year, NHTSA executes a broad array of research programs in support of Administration, DOT, and agency priorities. The agency’s research portfolio covers program areas pertaining to vehicle safety including safety countermeasures implemented through the vehicle, its components, operations and use, accessibility considerations, alternative fuels, among others; and behavioral safety including safety countermeasures that pertain to the behavior and actions of drivers, occupants, and other road users, including vulnerable populations.

NHTSA holds Safety Research Portfolio public meetings to provide public outreach regarding research activities at NHTSA for both vehicle and behavioral safety, including expected near-term deliverables, and solicit stakeholder questions and input. NHTSA’s Safety Research Portfolio meetings are historically held in-person. The agency’s most recent Safety Research Portfolio public meeting was held on November 20–21, 2019. These meetings draw large numbers of attendees among automotive safety stakeholder groups, including international audience members. Due to the continued and varied global effects of the COVID–19 public health emergency, in an abundance of caution,