

6. When a change of Subadviser is proposed for a Portfolio with an Affiliated Subadviser, the Board, including a majority of the Independent Trustees, will make a separate finding, reflected in the minutes of the meeting of the Board, that such change is in the best interests of the Portfolio and its shareholders and that the change does not involve a conflict of interest from which the Adviser or the Affiliated Subadviser derives an inappropriate advantage.

7. Neither the Fund nor the Adviser will enter into a Subadvisory Agreement with an Affiliated Subadviser without such agreement, including the compensation to be paid thereunder, being approved by the shareholders of the applicable Portfolio.

8. The Adviser will provide management services to the Portfolios, including overall supervisory responsibility for the general management and investment of each Portfolio's securities portfolio, and, subject to review and approval by the Board will (a) set each Portfolio's overall investment strategies; (b) evaluate, select and recommend Subadvisers to manage all or a portion of a Portfolio's assets; (c) allocate and, when appropriate, reallocate a Portfolio's assets among multiple Subadvisers; (d) monitor and evaluate the investment performance of the Subadvisers; and (e) implement procedures reasonably designed to ensure that the Subadvisers comply with the relevant Portfolio's investment objectives, policies, and restrictions.

9. Shareholders of a Portfolio will approve any change to a Subadvisory Agreement if such change would result in an increase in the overall management and advisory fees payable by the Portfolio that have been approved by the shareholders of the Portfolio.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Aviation Proceedings, Agreements Filed During the Week Ending March 17, 2000.

The following Agreements were filed with the Department of Transportation under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 412

and 414. Answers may be filed within 21 days after the filing of the application.

Docket Number: OST-2000-7076.

Date Filed: March 15, 2000.

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject: PTC COMP 0592 dated 14 March 2000, Mail Vote 071—Resolution 010x, General Increase Resolution between Japan and USA/US Territories, Intended effective date: 15 April 2000.

Docket Number: OST-2000-7084.

Date Filed: March 16, 2000.

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject: PTC2 AFR 0077 dated 22 February 2000, PTC2 AFR 0080 dated 17 March 2000, (Adoption of Mail Vote 067), Mail Vote 067—Within Africa Expedited Resolutions, r-1—002ss, r-3—071ww, r-2—071fa, r-4—076k, Intended effective date: 1 April 2000.

Dorothy W. Walker,

Federal Register Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The nature of the information collection is described as well as its expected burden. The Federal Register Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on February 7, 2000 (FR Vol. 65, No. 25, 5928). No comments were received.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before May 18, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Richard Walker, Maritime Administration, MAR-810, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, D.C. 20590. Telephone 202-366-8888, or FAX 202-366-6988.

Copies of this collection can also be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Maritime Administration (MARAD).

Title: Inventory of American Intermodal Equipment.

OMB Control Number: OMB #2133-0503.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved collection.

Affected Public: U.S. steamship and intermodal equipment leasing companies.

Form(s): None.

Abstract: The collection consists of an intermodal equipment inventory that provides data essential to both the government and the transportation industry in planning for the most efficient use of intermodal equipment.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: 66 hours.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20503, Attention MARAD Desk Officer.

Comments Are Invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on April 13, 2000.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket Number: MARAD-2000-7245]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Invitation for public comments on a requested administrative waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws for the vessel YANKEE.

SUMMARY: As authorized by Public Law 105-383, 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 description of the proposed service, is listed below. 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 that in accordance with Pub.L. 105-383 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR 388 (65 FR 6905; February 11, 2000) 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, a waiver will not be granted.

DATES: Submit comments on or before May 18, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2000-7245. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, Department of Transportation, 400 7th St., SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit/>. 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://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Hokana, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, MAR 832 Room 7201, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-0760.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title V of P.L. 105-383 provides authority to the Secretary of Transportation to administratively waive the U.S.-build requirements of the Jones Act, and other statutes, for small commercial passenger vessels (less than 12 passengers). This authority has been delegated to the Maritime Administration per 49 CFR 1.66, Delegations to the Maritime Administrator, as amended. By this notice, MARAD is publishing information on a vessel for which a request for a U.S.-build waiver has been received, and for which MARAD requests comments from interested parties. 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

commentor's interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in § 388.4 of MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR 388.

Vessel Proposed for Waiver of the U.S.-Build Requirement

(1) Name of vessel and owner for which waiver is requested:

Name of vessel: YANKEE Owner: Yankee Sailing LLC.

(2) Size, capacity and tonnage of vessel: According to the Applicant "50' 7" OAL, Breadth 15.6', draft 4.4' Gross tonnage 12 tons, Net Tonnage 11. Tons, Displacement 38 tons. (Title 46 U.S.C. simplified measurement system.)"

(3) Intended use for vessel, including geographic region of intended operation and trade. According to the applicant: "Intended use, Geographic area: Carrying passengers for hire for coastal sailing excursions for sail and navigational training purposes where passengers are encouraged and taught to participate in the operation of the vessel. Pending USCG certification of the vessel these excursions will involve 6 passengers or less. If certification is obtained under this waiver, the number of passengers will not exceed 12 passengers. Current plans are to operate the vessel along the Northeast coast between New York and Eastport Maine. It is intended that the center of operation will be out of New London CT."

(4) Date and place of construction and (if applicable) rebuilding. Date of construction: 1959, place of construction: Scheepswerf Westhaven, Zaadam, Holland.

(5) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on other commercial passenger vessel operators. According to the applicant: "The impact would be minimal. There are currently no sailing vessels carrying passengers out of the New London harbor. Neighboring harbors that have commercial sailing vessels are mostly offering day trips of two to three hours as opposed to inter port excursions."

(6) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on U.S. shipyards. According to the applicant: "Since the vessel was purchased by the current owner and documented as a U.S. vessel in January of 1999, over \$50,000 dollars has been spent on the vessel in local boat yards and on U.S. manufactured wiring, plumbing and electronics products. If the vessel can establish itself in the area as a successful small business with USCG certification it will continue to require the services of the local marine industry here in eastern Connecticut."

Dated: April 13, 2000.

By order of the Maritime Administrator.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2000-7247]

Request for Public Comments on an Evaluation of the Maritime Security Program/Voluntary Intermodal Sealift Agreement Program

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, United States Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notification of open docket for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Maritime Administration (MARAD) is assessing the impact of the Maritime Security Program (MSP) and its associated Emergency Preparedness Program (EPP), the Voluntary Intermodal Sealift (VISA) program. The evaluation will seek to determine the contribution of MSP/VISA to the achievement of Department of Transportation (DOT) and MARAD national security goals by identifying the causal relationship between MSP/VISA and the goals, to the extent that causality can be reliably measured. As part of DOT's implementation of the Government Performance and Results Act, MARAD has been investigating in-depth how well its major programs are working to achieve stated objectives. As set out in DOT and MARAD strategic plans to meet U.S. national security goals, the MSP is designed to help ensure that an active U.S. merchant fleet—and the trained personnel needed to operate both privately-owned active commercial vessels and Government-owned and controlled reserve ships—will be available to meet Department of Defense (DoD) requirements for sealift during national emergencies. In FY 2000, these requirements include DoD access to 165,000 TEUs (20-foot equivalent units of container capacity) or 14.5 million square feet of U.S.-flag commercial vessel capacity and to carriers' intermodal transportation equipment and service networks.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Raymond R. Barberesi, Director, Office of Sealift Support, MAR-630, Room 7307, Maritime Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20590, telephone number: 202-366-2323 or fax 202-493-2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 10, 1995, the Administration submitted