

10, 1997. Each person should provide his or her name, company or organizational affiliation, date of birth, and social security number to the ACIEP Secretariat at telephone number (202) 647-7727 or fax number (202) 647-5713 (Attention: Ann Alexandrowicz). A list will be made up for Diplomatic Security and the Reception Desk at the C Street diplomatic entrance (21st and C Streets, NW), where Department personnel will direct them to Room 1107.

For further information, contact Ann Alexandrowicz, ACIEP Secretariat, U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, Room 6828, Main State, Washington, DC 20520. She may be reached at telephone number (202) 647-7727 or fax number (202) 647-5713.

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Alan Larson,

Assistant Secretary for Economic and Business Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[CGD08-96-055]

Manning Requirements—Pilotage

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of designated areas.

SUMMARY: This notice lists the designated areas in the Eighth Coast Guard District for which new first class pilot licenses and endorsements will be issued by the Eighth Coast Guard District Regional Examination Centers. These areas have been designated consistent with the revised manning requirements introduced in 1994.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: CDR Guy A. Tetreau, Marine Safety Division, Eighth Coast Guard District, (504) 589-3624, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, except federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction

New first class pilot licenses and endorsements will only be issued for those areas within the Eighth Coast Guard District that have been designated by the cognizant Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection (OCMI). Eighth District Regional Examination Centers shall continue to renew existing first class pilot licenses with all previously earned endorsements.

Background

“Designated areas” are “* * * those areas within pilotage waters for which first class pilot’s licenses or endorsements are issued * * *” (46 CFR 15.301). These areas are designated by the OCMI based upon the particular hazards of the waterway involved. They are the only areas for which first class pilots licenses and endorsements are required, and for which new first class pilotage licenses and endorsements will be issued.

Eighth Coast Guard District Designated Areas

The following is a list of the Eighth District designated areas for which first class pilots licenses or endorsements are required. Future changes to designated areas will be published in the Federal Register.

MSO Mobile

- The Port St. Joseph Bay Channel from St. Joseph Bay entrance lighted buoy “SJ” to the turning basin in Port St. Joe for St. Joseph, FL.
- The St. Andrews Bay Channel from St. Andrews Bay entrance lighted buoy “SA” to the port of Panama City, including the area between the Hathaway Bridge and the Dupont Bridge, or St. Andrews Bay, Panama City, FL.
- The Pensacola Bay Channel, Inner Harbor, and its approaches, to three miles from Pensacola Bay, Pensacola, FL.
- The Mobile Alabama Main Ship Channel from Mobile entrance lighted buoy “m” to the Cochran Bridge, including Hollinger’s Island, Theodore, and Arlington Channels.
- The Horn Island Pass Ship Channel from Horn Island Pass entrance lighted buoy “HI” to the Bayou Cassotte turning basin via the Bayou Cassotte Channel, and to the Pascagoula River turning basin via the Pascagoula Channel, Pascagoula, MS.
- The Ship Island Bar Channel from Ship Island Bar lighted buoy “GP” to the state dock facility including the Gulfport Ship Channel, Gulfport, MS.
- The coastal approach from St. George Sound, Dog Island Reef light #1 to St. Marks, FL., including the St. Marks River channel.
- The Bayou Labatre entrance channel from the intersection of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway to the Bayou Labatre Lift Bridge, Bayou Labatre, AL.

MSO New Orleans

- The Lower Mississippi River including:

- (1) Southwest Pass from sea buoy to Head of Passes;

- (2) from Head of Passes to mile 234 Above Head of Passes (AHOP).

- The Mississippi River Gulf Outlet.
- The Inner Harbor Navigational Canal.

MSO Morgan City

- The Lower Atchafalaya River from Point Au Fer Reef Light (LLN 18030) to Stout’s Pass at Atchafalaya River mile 115.5.
- The Gulf Intracoastal Waterway from its intersection with the Lower Atchafalaya River at 20 Grand Point (MM 95.5 WHL) east to the Bayou Boeuf Locks.

MSO Port Arthur

- The Sabine River from the Offshore Sea buoys “29” and “30” to the north end of the Old Navy piers in Orange, TX.
- The Neches River from the Sabine/ Neches intersection to the I-10 Bridge, north of Beaumont, TX.
- The Calcasieu River from the Offshore “CC” buoy, in Pilot Boarding Area 4, north to the I-10 Bridge spanning the Calcasieu, including the Industrial Canal at Devil’s Elbow, and the deep water channels for Clooney and Coon Islands.

MSO Houston-Galveston

- The Galveston Entrance Channel from the red and white “GB” buoy to red buoy “18.”
- The Galveston Ship Channel from the green “1” buoy to Pelican Island Bridge.
- The Bolivar Roads Ferry Route from the Bolivar Ferry Landing to the Galveston Ferry Landing, crossing the Bolivar Roads Channel.
- The Texas City Channel from Green “1” buoy to the turning basin.
- The Houston Ship Channel from red buoy “18” to Buffalo Bayou turning basin.
- The Bayport Ship Channel from the intersection of the Houston Ship Channel to the Bayport turning basin.
- The Freeport Channel from the red and white “FP” buoy to the turning basin.

MSO Corpus Christi

- The Matagorda Ship Channel from the sea buoy to Port of Point Comfort.
- The Corpus Christi Ship Channel from the sea buoy to Viola turning basin including La Quinta Channel.
- The Brownsville Ship Channel to Port Isabel.

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 T.W. Josiah,
Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District.
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[CGD 96-062]

Natural Gas as Fuel in Marine Applications

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meeting; requests for comments.

SUMMARY: On November 26, 1996, (61 FR 60138), the Coast Guard published a notice of meeting and request for comments regarding the use of compressed natural gas (CNG) and liquefied natural gas (LNG) as fuel aboard commercial ships. This notice provides additional information about the location and time of the public meeting, and building security procedures recently established.

DATES: A public meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 14, 1997, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in room 6200 at the Department of Transportation (DOT) headquarters, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. Room 6200 is located on the 6th floor of the south wing. Interested members of the public wishing to attend the meeting should enter the building at the southwest entrance, located inside the DOT courtyard near the intersection of E Street and Seventh Street. The L'Enfant plaza metro stop also exits into the DOT courtyard.

Due to increased security, it is important for all attendees to have proper identification. In addition, all bags may be checked when entering the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lieutenant Commander R. K. Butturini, Mr. Wayne Lundy or Ensign Felicia K. Rydzewski, Systems Engineering Division, Commandant (G-MSE-3), telephone (202) 267-2206 between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Dated: December 13, 1996.
 Joseph J. Angelo,
Director of Standards, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[CGD08-96-057]

Houston/Galveston Navigation Safety Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of subcommittee meetings.

SUMMARY: The two Subcommittees (Waterways and Navigation) of the Houston/Galveston Navigation Safety Advisory Committee (HOGANSAC) will meet to discuss waterway improvements, aids to navigation, current meters, and various other navigation safety matters affecting the Houston/Galveston area. Both meetings will be open to the public.

DATES: The meeting of the Waterways Subcommittee will be held on Thursday, January 16, 1997 at 9:30 a.m. and immediately following, the Navigation Subcommittee will meet. Members of the public may present written or oral statements at the meetings.

ADDRESSES: The subcommittee meetings will be held at the Port of Houston Authority, 111 East Loop North, Houston, Texas.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Captain Kevin Eldridge, Executive Director of HOGANSAC, telephone (713) 671-5101, or Commander Paula Carroll, Executive Secretary of HOGANSAC, telephone (713) 671-5164.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

Agendas of the Meetings

Subcommittee on Waterways. The tentative agenda includes the following:

(1) Presentation by each work group of its accomplishments and plans for the future.

(2) Review and discuss the work completed by each work group.

Subcommittee on Navigation. The tentative agenda includes the following:

(1) Presentation by each work group of its accomplishments and plans for the future.

(2) Review and discuss the work completed by each work group.

Procedural

All meetings are open to the public. Members of the public may make oral presentations during the meetings.

Information on Services for the Handicapped

For information on facilities or services for the handicapped or to request special assistance at the meetings, contact the Executive Director as soon as possible.

Dated: December 10, 1996.
 T.W. Josiah,
Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket S-941]

Sargeant Marine, Inc.; Notice of Application for Permission Under Section 506 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as Amended, To Operate in the Domestic Trade

Notice is hereby given that Sargeant Marine, Inc. (Sargeant), by application dated December 17, 1996, has applied for written permission under section 506 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended (Act), for the temporary transfer of the construction-differential subsidy (CDS) built asphalt tanker ASPHALT COMMANDER (ex-FALCON CHAMPION) in the domestic trade, commencing on or about January 15, 1997. Sargeant states that it is scheduled to load 200,000 barrels (bbls.) of asphalt at Garryville, Louisiana for discharge in New York, New York. The cargo will be delivered at a temperature of 300 degrees fahrenheit, five days after completion of loading and must be discharged at 6000 bbls. per hour.

Section 506 permits the temporary transfer for up to six months of CDS-built vessels "whenever the Secretary determines that such transfer is necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of the Act." Consent by MARAD is to be conditioned upon payment to MARAD, upon such terms as MARAD may prescribe, of "an amount which bears the same proportion to the CDS paid by the Secretary as such temporary period bears to the entire economic life of the vessel."

Although publication of a Notice with respect to Sargeant's request for permission under section 506 is not required, the Maritime Administration believes that it is appropriate to provide an opportunity for interested parties to comment on Sargeant's application.

Any person, firm, or corporation having any interest in the application