

1320, require Federal agencies to provide 60-days' notice to the public to allow comment on information collection activities before seeking OMB approval to implement them. *See* 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A); 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), 1320.10(e)(1), 1320.12(a). Specifically, FRA invites interested respondents to comment on the following summary of renewed information collection activity regarding: (1) Whether the information collection activity is necessary for FRA to properly execute its functions, including whether the activities will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of FRA's estimates of the burden of the information collection activity, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used to determine the estimates; (3) ways for FRA to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being collected; and (4) ways for FRA to minimize the burden of information collection activity on the public by automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques and other forms of information technology (e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses). *See* 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A); 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1).

FRA believes soliciting public comment will promote its efforts to reduce the administrative and paperwork burdens associated with the collection of information. In summary,

FRA reasons that comments received will advance three objectives: (1) Reduce reporting burdens; (2) ensure it organizes information collection requirements in a "user-friendly" format to improve the use of such information; and (3) accurately assess the resources expended to retrieve and produce information requested. *See* 44 U.S.C. 3501.

Below is a brief summary of the currently approved information collection activity that FRA will submit for renewed clearance by OMB as required under the PRA:

Title: Survey of Plant and Insular Tourist Railroads Subject to FRA Bridge Safety Standards (49 CFR part 237).

OMB Control Number: 2130-0617.

Abstract: Bridge Safety Standards regulations (49 CFR part 237) require all owners of railroad track with a gage of 2 feet or more supported by a bridge to comply with this part. This includes track owners with bridges located within an industrial installation (plant) that is not part of the general railroad system of transportation (general system) but over which a general system railroad operates. Currently, FRA relies on the railroad accident/incident reports (49 CFR part 225), to identify track owners subject to the requirements of part 237, Bridge Safety Standards. However, plant and insular tourist railroads are exempt from part 225 (Railroad Accidents/Incidents: Reports

Classification, and Investigations). This information collection request will close this data gap.

FRA is requesting any railroad serving a plant and moving railroad equipment over bridges within the plant, or the plant itself, to advise FRA by email if there are railroad bridges within the plant potentially subject to FRA Bridge Safety Standards. FRA is also requesting insular tourist railroads whose tracks are supported by one or more bridges, to advise FRA of the existence of their bridges by email.¹

The email notification should include the name of the plant, installation, or insular tourist railroad, and address (including city and State, contact name, telephone number, and email address). This survey is ongoing with approval requested for 3 years.

FRA wants to identify plant and insular tourist railroads that may be subject to part 237 requirements, but are exempt from the part 225 reporting requirement, to determine risks to railroad safety bridges on these railroads pose and aid in planning oversight activities.

Form Number(s): N/A.

Affected Public: Businesses.

Respondent Universe: 689 railroads.

Frequency of Submission: On occasion.

Affected Public: Businesses.

Reporting Burden:

Form	Total number respondents (railroads)	Time per response (minutes)	Total number responses	Total burden (hours)
Email	689	15	210	53

Total Estimated Annual Responses: 210.

Total Estimated Annual Burden: 53 hours.

Type of Request: Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.

Under 44 U.S.C. 3507(a) and 5 CFR 1320.5(b) and 1320.8(b)(3)(vi), FRA informs all interested parties that it may not conduct or sponsor, and a respondent is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2017-0060]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel LADY DORIS; Invitation for Public Comments

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-

¹ As explained in FRA's jurisdiction policy published at 49 CFR part 209, appendix A, FRA considers a tourist operation to be insular if its operations are limited to a separate enclave in such a way that there is no reasonable expectation that

the safety of any member of the public—except a business guest, a licensee of the tourist operation or an affiliated entity, or a trespasser—would be affected by the operation. FRA does not consider a tourist operation to be insular if it has a bridge over

a public road or waters used for commercial navigation or if it shares a common corridor with another railroad (i.e., its operations are within 30 feet of those of another railroad).

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 May 11, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD–2017–0060. 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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel LADY DORIS is:

—*Intended Commercial Use of Vessel:* “TIME CHARTERS”

—*Geographic Region:* “Florida, Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine”

The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD–2017–0060 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 this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to properly consider the comments. Comments should also state the commenter’s interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in § 388.4 of MARAD’s regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

Privacy Act

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT/MARAD solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT/MARAD 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. In order 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. If you wish to provide comments containing proprietary or confidential information, please contact the agency for alternate submission instructions.

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

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: April 4, 2017.

T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD–2017–0053]

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

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

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 May 11, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD–2017–0053. 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

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

—*Intended Commercial Use of Vessel:*

sailboat charters in Key West, FL

—*Geographic Region:* “Florida”

The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD–2017–0053 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 this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to properly consider the comments. Comments should also state the commenter’s interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in § 388.4 of MARAD’s regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

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