

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Linda Williams, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W23-453, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-0903, Email Linda.Williams@dot.gov.

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

Intended Commercial Use of Vessel: "Bareboat chartering and sailing instruction in Puget Sound and vicinity."

Geographic Region: "Washington State."

The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD-2015-0129 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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By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: November 19, 2015.

T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Maritime Administration**

[Docket No. MARAD-2015 0133]

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

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As authorized by 46 U.S.C. 12121, 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 December 28, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2015-0133. 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 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://www.regulations.gov>.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel MAGNA CARTA is: *Intended Commercial Use Of Vessel:* "Private Vessel Charters, Passengers Only".

Geographic Region: "Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida,

California, Oregon, Washington and Alaska (excluding waters in Southeastern Alaska and waters north of a line between Gore Point to Cape Suckling [including the North Gulf Coast and Prince William Sound])."

The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD-2015-0133 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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Thomas M. Hudson, Jr.,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Maritime Administration**

[Docket No. MARAD-2015 0131]

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

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As authorized by 46 U.S.C. 12121, 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 December 28, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2015-0131. 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 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://www.regulations.gov>.

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

INTENDED COMMERCIAL USE OF VESSEL: "Passenger Charter."
GEOGRAPHIC REGION: "FLORIDA, GEORGIA, SOUTH CAROLINA, NORTH CAROLINA, VIRGINIA, MARYLAND, DELAWARE, NEW JERSEY, NEW YORK, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, MASSACHUSETTS, MAINE, ALABAMA, MISSISSIPPI, LOUISIANA, TEXAS."

The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD-2015-0131 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

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Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

Acceptance of Applications for the Potential Award of Maritime Security Program Operating Agreements

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of Application Period for the Maritime Security Program.

SUMMARY: The Maritime Administration (MARAD) is issuing this request for applications for eligible vessels to potentially enroll in one or more MSP Operating Agreements in accordance with the provisions of the Maritime Security Act of 2003, Public Law 108-136, div. C, title XXXV, as amended by Section 3508 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year (FY) 2013, Public Law 112-239, (NDAA 2013). The Maritime Security Program (MSP) maintains a fleet of active, commercially-viable, privately-owned vessels to meet national defense and other security requirements and to maintain a United States presence in international commercial shipping. This request for applications provides, among other things, application criteria and a deadline for submitting applications for potential vessel enrollment in the MSP.

DATES: Applications for the potential enrollment of one or more vessels must be received no later than December 28, 2015. Applications should be submitted to the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section below.

ADDRESSES: Application forms and instructions are available by electronic

mail request addressed to William.G.Mcdonald@dot.gov.

Submit applications for the enrollment of vessels in the MSP to William G. McDonald, Director, Office of Sealift Support, W25-310, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William G. McDonald, Director, Office of Sealift Support, Maritime Administration, (202) 366-0688. For legal questions, call Ryan Kabacinski, Chief, Division of Maritime Programs, Maritime Administration, (202) 366-5176. For military-utility questions, call Mr. Tim Boemecke, United States Transportation Command, (618) 220-1452.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NDAA 2013 extended the MSP from FY 2016 through FY 2025 and revised the associated annual MSP payment schedule. This program provides financial assistance to operators of U.S.-flag vessels that meet certain qualifications. Section 53102(a) of Title 46, United States Code, directs the Secretary of Transportation (Secretary), in consultation with the Secretary of Defense (SecDef), to establish a fleet of active, commercially-viable, militarily-useful, privately-owned vessels to meet national defense and other security requirements. Section 53111 of Title 46, United States Code, authorizes \$186 million annually for FYs 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018; \$210 million annually for FYs 2019, 2020 and 2021; and \$222 million annually for each FY thereafter through FY 2025 to support the operation of up to 60 U.S.-flag vessels in the foreign commerce of the United States. Payment to participating operators are limited under 46 U.S.C. § 53106(a)(1) to \$3.1 million per ship, per year, through FY 2018; \$3.5 million per ship per year for FY 2019 through 2021; and \$3.7 million per ship per year for FY 2022 through 2025. Payments are subject to the availability of appropriations. Participating operators are required to make their commercial transportation resources available upon request by SecDef during times of war or national emergency.

Application Criteria

The NDAA 2013 amended the procedures in 46 U.S.C. § 53103(c) for awarding new MSP Operating Agreements. The amended statute provides that the Secretary may enter into a new Operating Agreement with an applicant that meets the citizenship requirements of 46 U.S.C. § 53102(c), for