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(Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.93)

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By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

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Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Board of Visitors; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration announces a meeting of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Board of Visitors (BOV).

DATES: The meeting will be held on February 3, 2020, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Requests for, and the written materials to be reviewed during the meeting must be received no later than January 31, 2020.

Requests to attend the meeting must be received by January 30, 2020.

Requests for special accommodations must be received by January 31, 2020.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, NY, Melville Hall.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The BOV's Designated Federal Officer and Point of Contact George Rhynedance, 516-726-6048 or via email at rhynedance@usmma.edu.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The USMMA BOV is a Federal Advisory Committee originally established as a Congressional Board by Section 51312 of Title 46, United States Code "to provide independent advice and recommendations on matters relating to the United States Merchant Marine Academy." The Board was chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) on October 25, 2019.

Members of the BOV for the 116th Congress are:

Senator Roger Wicker (MS), *ex officio*

Senator Jerry Moran (KS)

Rep. Adam Smith (WA-09), *ex officio*

Rep. Max Rose (NY-11)
Rep. Mikie Sherrill (NJ-11)
Rep. Jack Bergman (MI-01)
Rep. Peter King (NY-02)
Rep. Tom Suozzi (NY-03)
Ms. Jennifer Boykin (USMMA Graduate)
Mr. Kevin Walsh (USMMA Graduate)
Mr. Stephen Carmel (Maritime Industry Representative)

Vice Admiral Johnny R. Wolfe, Jr. (USN Flag Officer)

Lieutenant Colonel Robert Scott Volkert (USMC Flag Officer)

Rear Admiral Michael A. Wettlaufer, USN, Commander, Military Sealift Command, *ex officio*

Vice Admiral Daniel B. Abel, USCG, Deputy Commandant for Operations, *ex officio*

Dr. Henry S. Marcus, DBA, Chairman, USMMA Advisory Board, *ex officio*

Agenda

At the meeting, the agenda will cover the following topics:

(a) Introduce the Academy Superintendent and Academic Dean/Provost to new members of the Board of Visitors.

(b) Provide a briefing on the Critical Infrastructure Plan, the infrastructure spending plan and ongoing capital improvements.

(c) Provide an update on the general state of the Academy, Class of 2023 performance, and status of incoming class of 2024.

(d) Provide an update on the Sexual Assault/Sexual Harassment program progress.

(e) Provide an update on the status of implementing the 5-year Strategic Plan as well as the Master Plan.

(f) Establish the meeting schedule for CY 2020.

Public Participation

This meeting is open to the public. Seating is on a first-come basis.

Members of the public wishing to attend the meeting will need to present photo identification to gain access to the meeting location. The U.S. Department of Transportation is committed to providing equal access to this meeting for all participants. If you need alternative formats or special accommodations, such as sign language, interpretation, or other ancillary aids, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

Any member of the public is permitted to file a written statement with the BOV. Written statements should be sent to the Designated Federal Officer listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section (Please contact the Designated Federal Officer

for information on submitting comments via fax). Only written statements will be considered by the BOV; no member of the public will be allowed to present questions from the floor or speak to any issue under consideration by the BOV unless requested to do so by a member of the Board.

(Authority: 46 U.S.C. 51312; 5 U.S.C. 552b; 5 U.S.C. App. 2; 41 CFR parts 102-3.140 through 102-3.165)

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2020-0002]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel METANI (Sailboat); 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 requirements of the coastwise trade laws to allow the carriage of no more than twelve passengers for hire on vessels, which are three years old or more. 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 February 20, 2020.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number MARAD-2020-0002 by any one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Search MARAD-2020-0002 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-2020-0002, 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, see the section entitled Public Participation.

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 METANI is:

—*Intended Commercial Use of Vessel:*

“Intend to operate for day sails, sunset sails and overnight charters.”

—*Geographic Region Including Base of Operations:* “Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York (excluding New York Harbor), New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida.” (Base of Operations: Key West, FL)

—*Vessel Length and Type:* 53’ sailboat.

The complete application is available for review identified in the DOT docket as MARAD-2020-0002 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 vessel name, state the commenter’s interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver 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.

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-2020-0002 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?

If you wish to submit comments under a claim of confidentiality, you should submit three copies of your complete submission, including the information you claim to be confidential business information, to the Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, Office of Legislation and Regulations, MAR-225, W24-220, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. Include a cover letter setting forth with specificity the basis for any such claim and, if possible, a summary of your submission that can be made available to the public.

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. 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)

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2019-0001]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel H2 (Motor Vessel); 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 requirements of the coastwise trade laws to allow the carriage of no more than twelve passengers for hire on vessels, which are three years old or more. 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 February 20, 2020.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number MARAD-2020-0001 by any one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Search MARAD-2020-0001 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-2020-0001, 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.

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