

criteria given in § 388.4 of MARAD'S regulations at 46 CFR Part 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: R' ADVENTURE II. Owner: Spenser Rohrluck

(2) Size, capacity and tonnage of vessel: According to the Applicant: Length 39'6"; Breadth 13'9"; Draft 3'6". The capacity of the vessel is a maximum of six passengers. The tonnage is 25 tons net and is calculated pursuant to 46 U.S.C. 14502.

(3) Intended use for vessel, including geographic region of intended operation and trade: According to the applicant: The intended use of the vessel is to enable an existing boat and breakfast with overnight accommodations for up to six guests to: (1) Leave its berth in Kingston NY with up to six passengers; (2) Cruise on the Hudson River to an anchorage for overnight anchoring purposes or (3) Cruise to a marina or yacht club where guests could go ashore for dinner or other shore based activities and return later to the vessel to sleep onboard. Breakfast to be served the next morning onboard. The geographic region for intended use would encompass the Rondout Creek in Kingston NY with a potential cruise range to as far south as West Point (32.6 miles) or as far north as Albany NY (46 miles).

(4) Date and place of construction and (if applicable) rebuilding: Date of construction: 1986. Place of construction: Kaoshiung Taiwan.

(5) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on other commercial passenger vessel operators: According to the applicant: This is an innovative and unique concept for the tourism industry. The nearest known Boat and Breakfast offering a cruise and overnight accommodations is located in Annapolis, MD. N.B. There are the two local boats engaged in cruise related activities originating from Kingston NY. One is the M/V Rip Van Winkle, which takes up to 300 passengers on a two-hour day or evening cruise. Passengers may buy refreshments onboard. They also offer a late night party cruise. The M/V Teal offers a two-hour cruise for up to 80 passengers and serves refreshments. Both vessels can be booked for private parties whereby catered meals are brought onboard for their guests. Nonetheless, neither vessel offers (1) Overnight accommodations, (2) Anchoring out overnight, (3) Cruising to other locations and, or course, (4) Breakfast for up to six guests.

(6) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on U.S. shipyards: According to the applicant: I do not believe that this vessel has had any negative impact on any U.S. shipyards. On the contrary, I believe that local marine repair facilities in the Kingston NY area have profited from me since I acquired this vessel in 1998. In addition to brokers fees (10% of the purchase price) and NY state sales tax, (7¾% of the purchase price) an additional 25% of the purchase price has been expended to repair, remodel, and upgrade this vessel with all work being done by local canvas, fiberglass, diesel engine, and air conditioning specialists located at area marina facilities.

Dated: August 15, 2000.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

[RSPA-00-7795]

Pipeline Safety: Meeting of the Integrity Management Communication Team

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Integrity Management Communication Team telephone conference meeting.

SUMMARY: The Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA) Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) is giving notice of a meeting of the Integrity Management Communication Team. The Team will discuss the content and delivery of pipeline information to be conveyed to local officials and members of the public in or near high consequence areas.

DATES: The conference call will be held on August 28 at 1:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Members of the public may attend the meeting at the Department of Transportation, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Room 7128, Washington, D.C. 20590. An opportunity will be provided for the public to make short statements on the topics under discussion. Anyone wishing to make an oral statement should notify Mary Jo Cooney, (202) 366-4774, or Christina Sames, (202) 366-4561, no later than August 24, 2000, on the topic of the statement and the time requested for the presentation.

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities: For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance during the telephone conference calls, contact Christina Sames at (202) 366-4561.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Jo Cooney, OPS, (202) 366-4774, or Christina Sames, OPS, (202) 366-4561.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background Information

In connection with the proposed rule on Pipeline Integrity Management in High Consequence Areas, OPS plans to propose related rules governing operator communications with local public officials and agencies. To assist in this effort, the OPS Technical Advisory Committees created an Integrity Management Communications Subcommittee to focus on communications issues and to report back to the full Advisory Committee. OPS expanded this Subcommittee to form a team with equal representation from the public, government agencies, and the pipeline industry, and to consolidate several related efforts.

The Team will provide feedback, insight, and information to the Advisory Committee on the content and delivery of information conveyed to local officials and public about pipeline operations, systems, and the risks they pose in or near high consequence areas. The Advisory Committee will provide pipeline communication recommendations to OPS for consideration in drafting the Integrity Management Communications rulemaking. Team will also assist OPS in finalizing a primer to educate local officials on pipelines and their operations.

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Manager, Program Development, Office of Pipeline Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-77 (Sub-No. 11X)]

Bangor & Aroostook Railroad Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Aroostook County, ME

Bangor & Aroostook Railroad Company (Applicant) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152