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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Marian Lee, (202) 358-7028, Insurance Compliance Division (MC-ECI), Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Financial Responsibility, Trucking and Freight Forwarding.
OMB Number: 2126-0017.

Background: The Secretary of Transportation (Secretary) is authorized to register for-hire motor carriers of regulated commodities under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 13902, surface freight forwarders under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 13903, and property brokers under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 13904. These persons may conduct transportation services only if they are registered pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 13901. The Secretary has delegated authority pertaining to these registrations to the FMCSA. Registration remains valid only as long as the transportation entities maintain, on file with the FMCSA, evidence of the required levels of insurance coverage pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 13906. Regulations governing financial responsibility requirements are found at 49 CFR 387.

Forms BMC-91, 91X, and 82 provide evidence of the required coverage for bodily injury and property damage (BI&PD) liability. Forms BMC-34 and 83 establish compliance with cargo liability requirements. Forms BMC-84 and 85 are filed by brokers to comply with the requirement for a \$10,000 surety bond or trust fund agreement. Forms BMC-35, 36, and 85 cancel prior filings. Forms BMC-90 and 32 are endorsements that must be attached to BI&PD and cargo insurance policies, respectively, but are not filed with the FMCSA.

Motor carriers can also apply to self-insure BI&PD and/or cargo liability in lieu of filing certificates of insurance or surety bonds with the FMCSA. Form BMC-40 is the application used to apply for self-insurance authority.

Respondents: Motor carriers, freight forwarders, and brokers.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: The estimated average burden per response for the BMC-40 is 40 hours. The estimated average burden per response for each of the other forms (BMC-32, 34, 35, 36, 82, 83, 84, 85, 90, 91, and 91X) is 10 minutes per form.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: The estimated total annual burden is 200 hours for the BMC-40 based on 5 filings per year [5 filings per year \times 40 hours to complete = 200]. The estimated total annual burden for all of the other forms described above is 45,025 hours based on 270,152 filings per year [270,152 filings per year \times 10 minutes to complete divided by 60 minutes = 45,025 total burden hours]. Therefore, the total burden hour request is 45,225 [200 estimated annual burden hours for the BMC-40 + 45,025 hours for the other forms = 45,225 total burden hours].

Frequency: Certificates of insurance, surety bonds, and trust fund agreements are required when the transportation entity first registers with the FMCSA and then when such coverages are replaced. Notices of cancellation are required only when such certificates of insurance, surety bonds or trust fund agreements are canceled. Form BMC-40 is generally filed only when a carrier seeks approval to self-insure its BI&PD and/or cargo liability.

Public Comments Invited: Interested parties are invited to send comments regarding any aspect of this information collection, including but not limited to: (1) The necessity and utility of the information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the FMCSA; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways to minimize the collection burden without reducing the quality of the collected information. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB's clearance for a renewal of this information collection.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended, and 49 CFR 1.73.

Issued on: March 18, 2002.

Joseph M. Clapp,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2002-11871]

Information Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Maritime Administration's (MARAD's) intentions to request extension of approval for three years of a currently approved information collection.

DATES: Comments should be submitted on or before May 28, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document. Written comments may be submitted to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Comments may also be submitted by electronic means via the Internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit>. Specifically address whether this information collection is necessary for proper performance of the functions of the agency and will have practical utility, accuracy of the burden estimates, ways to minimize this burden, and ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays. An electronic version of this document is available on the World Wide Web at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth Kline, Maritime Administration, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202-366-5744; fax: 202-366-7901, or e-mail: kenneth.kline@marad.dot.gov.

Copies of this collection can also be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Obligation Guarantees—46 CFR part 298, Title XI.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved information collection.

OMB Control Number: 2133-0018.

Form Numbers: MA-163, MA-163A

Expiration Date of Approval: October 31, 2002.

Summary of Collection of Information: In accordance with the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, MARAD is authorized to execute a full faith and

credit guarantee by the United States of debt obligations issued to finance or refinance the construction or reconstruction of vessels. In addition, the program allows for financing shipyard modernization and improvement projects.

Need and Use of the Information: The information collected is necessary for MARAD officials to evaluate an applicant's project and capabilities, make the required determinations, and administer any agreements executed upon approval of loan guarantees.

Description of Respondents: Individuals/businesses interested in obtaining loan guarantees for construction or reconstruction of vessels satisfying criteria under the Merchant Marine Act, as well as businesses interested in shipyard modernization and improvements.

Annual Responses: 21.

Annual Burden: 1470 hours.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: March 19, 2002.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket Number: MARAD-2002-11872]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Invitation for public comments on a requested administrative waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws for the vessel LADY CATHERINE.

SUMMARY: As authorized by Public Law 105-383, 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 description of the proposed service, is listed below. 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 that in accordance with Public Law 105-383 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388 (65 FR 6905; February 11, 2000) 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, a waiver will not be granted.

DATES: Submit comments on or before April 25, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2002-11872. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, Department of Transportation, 400 7th St., SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit/>. 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://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathleen Dunn, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, MAR-832 Room 7201, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-2307.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title V of Public Law 105-383 provides authority to the Secretary of Transportation to administratively waive the U.S.-build requirements of the Jones Act, and other statutes, for small commercial passenger vessels (no more than 12 passengers). This authority has been delegated to the Maritime Administration per 49 CFR 1.66, Delegations to the Maritime Administrator, as amended. By this notice, MARAD is publishing information on a vessel for which a request for a U.S.-build waiver has been received, and for which MARAD requests comments from interested parties. 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.

Vessel Proposed for Waiver of the U.S.-build Requirement

(1) Name of vessel and owner for which waiver is requested. Name of vessel: LADY CATHERINE. Owner: Felton Havins, Jr.

(2) Size, capacity and tonnage of vessel. According to the applicant: "Twenty-five thousand pounds gross weight, 49.2 Feet Length"

(3) Intended use for vessel, including geographic region of intended operation and trade. According to the applicant: The vessel is currently located in Amelia Island, Florida and will be use

primarily in that part of the coastal southeastern US with occasional transits to the Bahamas. The vessel is principally for my personal use with proposed leasing from time to time to a local sailing school as an instructional vehicle for their advanced/offshore courses. I also anticipate occasional (approximately six times per year) charters for a maximum of six passengers"

(4) Date and Place of construction and (if applicable) rebuilding. Date of construction: 1991. Place of construction: France.

(5) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on other commercial passenger vessel operators. According to the applicant: "LADY CATHERINE is the largest and most fully equipped sailing vessel available in the local six passenger sailing charter market. The local sailing school has no access to any other comparably equipped vessel for their advanced classes of instruction"

(6) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on U.S. shipyards. According to the applicant: "LADY CATHERINE was built in 1991. Therefore, there is no foreseeable negative impact on US shipyards. To the contrary, currently all maintenance and upgrades are being performed locally in US owned/operated shipyards."

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: March 19, 2002.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket Number: MARAD-2002-11873]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Invitation for public comments on a requested administrative waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws for the vessel MISTLETOE.

SUMMARY: As authorized by Public Law 105-383, 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 description of the proposed service, is listed below. Interested parties may comment on the