

notice. Comments and material received from the public, as well as documents mentioned in this notice as being available in the docket, will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also find this docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Copies of the complete ICR are available through this docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>, and also from Commandant (CG-611), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, room 1236 (Attn: Ms. Barbara Davis), 2100 2nd Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. The telephone number is (202) 475-3523.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Barbara Davis, Office of Information Management, telephone (202) 475-3523 or fax (202) 475-3929, for questions on these documents; or Ms. Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, (202) 493-0402, for questions on the docket.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Coast Guard invites comments on the proposed collection of information to determine whether the collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department. In particular, the Coast Guard would appreciate comments addressing: (1) The practical utility of the collection; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden of the collection; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information that is the subject of the collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of collections on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments to DMS or OIRA must contain the OMB Control Number of the ICR. Comments to DMS must contain the docket number of this request, [USCG 2006-24047]. For your comments to OIRA to be considered, it is best if OIRA receives them on or before the August 31, 2006.

**Public participation and request for comments:** We encourage you to respond to this request for comments by submitting comments and related materials. We will post all comments received, without change, to <http://dms.dot.gov>, and they will include any personal information you have provided. We have an agreement with DOT to use their Docket Management Facility. Please see the paragraph on DOT's "Privacy Act Policy" below.

**Submitting comments:** If you submit a comment, please include your name and

address, identify the docket number for this request for comment [USCG-2006-24047], indicate the specific section of this document or the ICR to which each comment applies, and give the reason for each comment. You may submit your comments and material by electronic means, mail, fax, or delivery to the Docket Management Facility at the address under **ADDRESSES**, but please submit them by only one means. If you submit them by mail or delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit them by mail and would like to know that they reached the facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope.

The Coast Guard and OIRA will consider all comments and material received during the comment period. We may change the documents supporting this collection of information or even the underlying requirements in view of them.

**Viewing comments and documents:** To view comments, as well as documents mentioned in this notice as being available in the docket, go to <http://dms.dot.gov> at any time and conduct a simple search using the docket number. You may also visit the Docket Management Facility in room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**Privacy Act:** Anyone can search the electronic form of all comments received in dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review the Privacy Act Statement of DOT in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477), or you may visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

#### Previous Request for Comments

This request provides a 30-day comment period required by OIRA. The Coast Guard published a 60-day notice (71 FR 11437, March 7, 2006) required by 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2). In this notice we stated that the complete ICR would be available through both our online docket and at a Coast Guard facility in Washington, DC. Because the complete ICR was not made available online during the stated comment period, we reopen the comment period for an additional 30 days (71 FR 32113, June 2, 2006). Neither notice elicited any comments.

#### Information Collection Request

**Title:** Financial Responsibility for Water Pollution (Vessels).

**OMB Control Number:** 1625-0046.

**Type of Request:** Extension of a currently-approved collection.

**Affected Public:** Legally-responsible operators of vessels subject to 33 U.S.C. 2716 and 42 U.S.C. 9608 or their designees, approved insurers, and financial guarantors.

**Forms:** CG-5585, CG-5586, CG-5586-1, CG-5586-2, CG-5586-3, and CG-5586-4.

**Abstract:** The Coast Guard will use the information collected under this information collection request to issue a Certificate of Financial Responsibility as required by the Oil Pollution Act (OPA), specifically under 33 U.S.C. 2716, and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), specifically under 42 U.S.C. 9608.

**Burden Estimate:** The estimated burden remains 2,262 hours a year.

Dated: July 24, 2006.

**R.T. Hewitt,**

*Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Assistant Commandant for Command, Control, Communications, Computers and Information Technology.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

##### Coast Guard

[USCG 2006-25432]

##### Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee; Vacancies

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Request for applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard is seeking applications for appointment to membership on the Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee (MERPAC). MERPAC provides advice and makes recommendations to the Coast Guard on matters related to the training, qualification, licensing, certification, and fitness of seamen serving in the U.S. merchant marine.

**DATES:** Applications should reach us on or before October 15, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** You may request an application form by writing to Commandant (G-PSO-1), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. Please submit applications to the same address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Mark C. Gould, Assistant to the

Executive Director, telephone 202-372-1409, fax 202-372-1926.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov/search/searchFormSimple.cfm> under the docket number [USCG-2006-25432]. The application form is also available on the Internet at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/advisory/index.htm>. You may also obtain an application by calling Mr. Mark Gould at (202) 372-1409; by e-mailing him at [mgould@comdt.uscg.mil](mailto:mgould@comdt.uscg.mil); by faxing him at (202) 372-1926; or by writing him at the location in **ADDRESSES** above.

MERPAC is chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2 (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770, as amended). It provides advice and makes recommendations to the Assistant Commandant for Prevention on matters of concern to seamen serving in our merchant marine, such as implementation of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978 (STCW), as amended.

MERPAC normally meets twice a year, once at or near Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, DC, and once elsewhere in the country. Its subcommittees and working groups may also meet to consider specific tasks as required.

The Coast Guard will consider applications for seven positions that expire or become vacant in January 2007. It needs applicants with one or more of the following backgrounds to fill the positions:

- (a) Public member;
- (b) Licensed deck officer;
- (c) Licensed engineering officer;
- (d) Unlicensed member of the engine department;
- (e) Marine educator not affiliated with either state or federal maritime academies; and
- (f) Two (2) Marine educators affiliated with state maritime academies.

Each member serves for a term of three years. MERPAC members serve without compensation from the Federal Government; however, they do receive travel reimbursement and per diem.

In support of the policy of the Department of Homeland Security on gender and ethnic diversity, the Coast Guard encourages applications from qualified women and members of minority groups.

Dated: July 20, 2006.

**Lorne W. Thomas,**

*Acting Director of National and International Standards, Assistant Commandant for Prevention.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

[USCG-2006-25461]

### Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee (MERPAC) and its working groups will meet to discuss various issues relating to the training and fitness of merchant marine personnel. MERPAC advises the Secretary of Homeland Security on matters relating to the training, qualifications, licensing, and certification of seamen serving in the U.S. merchant marine. All meetings will be open to the public.

**DATES:** A MERPAC working group will meet on Tuesday, September 12, 2006, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The full MERPAC committee will meet on Wednesday, September 13, 2006, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Thursday, September 14, 2006, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. These meetings may adjourn early if all business is finished. Requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard on or before August 30, 2006. Written material and requests to have a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee or subcommittee should reach the Coast Guard on or before August 30, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** The MERPAC working group will meet on September 12, 2006, in Room 6 South of Building 2 of the Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies (MITAGS), 692 Maritime Boulevard, Linthicum Heights, MD 21090-1952. The full MERPAC committee will meet on September 13 and 14, 2006, in the main auditorium in Building 3 at the same location. Further directions regarding the location of MITAGS may be obtained at the following link: [http://www.mitags.org/text\\_directions?SESS=c7447c7629f9bae5605ea186e6e1b178](http://www.mitags.org/text_directions?SESS=c7447c7629f9bae5605ea186e6e1b178). Send written material and requests to make oral presentations to Mr. Mark Gould, Commandant (G-PSO-1), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. This

notice is available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions on this notice, contact Mr. Gould, Assistant to the Executive Director, telephone 202-372-1409, fax 202-372-1926, or e-mail [mgould@comdt.uscg.mil](mailto:mgould@comdt.uscg.mil). For questions about hotel room availability at MITAGS, please call 866-900-3517.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of these meetings is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2 (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770, as amended).

### Agenda of Meeting on September 12, 2006

The working group for Task Statement 57, concerning a national training program for operational and management level officers including integration of the STCW Code into the USCG license examination process, will meet to conduct deliberations in preparation for delivering proposed MERPAC recommendations to the full committee.

### Agenda of Meeting on September 13, 2006

The full committee will meet to discuss the objectives for the meeting. The working groups addressing the following task statements may meet to deliberate: Task Statement 30, concerning utilizing military sea service for STCW certifications; Task Statement 51, concerning minimum standard of competence on tanker safety; Task Statement 55, concerning recommendations to develop a voluntary training program for deck and engine department entry level mariners on domestic and seagoing vessels; and Task Statement 57, concerning a national training program for operational and management level officers including integration of the STCW Code into the USCG license examination process. In addition, new working groups may be formed to address issues proposed by the Coast Guard, MERPAC members, or the public. All task statements may be viewed at the MERPAC Web site at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/advisory/merpac/merpac.htm>.

At the end of the day, the working groups will make a report to the full committee on what has been accomplished in their meetings. No action will be taken on these reports on this date.

### Agenda of Meeting on September 14, 2006

The agenda comprises the following:  
(1) Introduction.