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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[DOCKET NO. MARAD-2012-0106]

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) intention to request extension of approval for three years of a currently approved information collection.

DATES: Comments should be submitted on or before [sixty days following date published in the Federal Register].

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Hokana, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, D.C. 20590. Telephone: 202-366-0760; or email michael.hokana@dot.gov. Copies of this collection also can be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Maritime Administration (MARAD)

Title of Collection: Jones Act Vessel Availability Determinations.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved information collection.

OMB Control Number: 2133-0545.

Form Numbers: MA-1074 and 1075.

Expiration Date of Approval: Three years from date of approval by the Office of Management and Budget.

Summary of Collection of Information: This collection of information will be used to gather information regarding the availability, location, and specifications of U.S.-flag vessels for the purpose of making vessel availability determinations. Need and use of the Information: The information is needed in order for the Maritime Administrator to make a timely and informed decision on the availability of coastwise qualified vessels in support of a request from the Department of Homeland Security prior to the final decision on granting a waiver request under 46 U.S.C. Section 501(b). The information will be specifically used to determine if there are coastwise qualified vessels available for a certain requirement.

Description of Respondents: Respondents include but are not limited to coastwise qualified vessel owners, operators, charterers, brokers and representatives.

Annual Responses: 255 responses

Annual Burden: 383 hours

Comments: 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 W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20590. Comments also may be submitted by electronic means via the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. 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. *EDT (or EST)*, Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays. An electronic version of this document is available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

PRIVACY ACT: Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our 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 DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the Federal Register published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477-78) or you may visit <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Authority: 49 CFR § 1.66.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator,

Date: November 28, 2012

Julie Agarwal
Secretary
Maritime Administration

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