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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Maritime Administration**

[Docket No. MARAD-2015 0104]

**Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws:**

Vessel WAVE DANCER; Invitation for Public Comments

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As authorized by 46 U.S.C. 12121, 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 brief description of the proposed service, is listed below.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2015-

0104. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20590. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at

<http://www.regulations.gov>. 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://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel

WAVE DANCER is:

INTENDED COMMERCIAL USE OF VESSEL: "There are several intended commercial uses of this vessel which are:

1. CHARTERS

a. Day Trips - Take passengers out for sightseeing and touring of waterways and notable landmarks. May include half/full day lunch/dinner trips.

- b. Overnight Trips - Take passengers on passage-making adventures along the Atlantic coast and/or inland waterways from Massachusetts to Florida. Charter may originate or terminate at any point between Massachusetts and Florida.
- c. Captained Charters - Conduct Captained charters of vessel for overnight outings of one or more days covering various distances along the Atlantic coast and intercoastal waterways.
- d. Bare Boat Charters - charter boat to qualified individuals (must be American citizens) for use without a licensed captain.
- 2. SPORT FISHING - trolling for fish while sailing/motoring, bottom fishing and/or drift fishing.
- 3. INSTRUCTION - Teach sailing, seamanship and navigation skills to students (i.e., passengers) looking to safely operate a pleasure sailing vessel.
- 4. FUNERALS / BURIALS - Perform privately conducted services at sea to spread cremation ashes on open waters as allowed by governmental guidelines and regulations.
- 5. MARRIAGES - Perform marriages at sea."

GEOGRAPHIC REGION: Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, District of Columbia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD-2015-0104 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 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.

### **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).

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: September 8,

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2015.

T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,  
Secretary,  
Maritime Administration.

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