

additional terms of office and current members are encouraged to reapply.

Members are expected to register in Homeport, the Coast Guard maritime security information system for providing information (including sensitive security information) and services to the public over the internet, and regularly participate in meetings and standing/ad-hoc sub-committees/work groups including the development and evaluation teams for the annual security exercise of the Area Maritime Security Plan. Members will not receive any salary or other compensation for their service on the GOMAMSC.

#### Format of Applications

Those seeking membership are not required to submit formal applications, however, because a specific number of members must have prerequisite maritime security experience, submission of resumes highlighting experience in the maritime and security industries is encouraged.

#### Authority

Section 102 of the Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA) of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-295) added section 70112 to Title 46 of the U.S. Code, and authorizes the Secretary of the Department in which the Coast Guard is operating to establish Area Maritime Security Committees for any port area of the United States. (See 33 U.S.C. 1226; 46 U.S.C.; 33 CFR 1.05-1, 6.01; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170.1). The MTSA includes a provision exempting these Area Maritime Security (AMS) Committees from the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. (Pub. L. 92-436).

Dated: June 12, 2007.

#### J.R. Whitehead,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

[USCG-2007-28579]

#### Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of open teleconference meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a teleconference of the Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee

(MERPAC). The purpose of the teleconference is for MERPAC to discuss and prepare recommendations for the Coast Guard concerning its notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) on the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) Biometric Reader Requirements.

**DATES:** The teleconference call will take place on Thursday, July 19th, 2007, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Eastern Daylight Savings Time.

**ADDRESSES:** Members of the public may participate by dialing 1-866-917-8653. You will then be prompted to dial your participant number, which is 9264498#. Please ensure that you enter the # sign after the participant number. Public participation is welcomed; however, the number of teleconference lines is limited, and lines are available first-come, first-served. Members of the public may also participate by coming to Room 1303, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. We request that members of the public who plan to attend this meeting notify Mr. Mark Gould at 202-372-1409 so that he may notify building security officials. You may also gain access to this docket at <http://dms.dot.gov/search/searchFormSimple.cfm>. The task statement may be accessed as a supplement to this docket.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Mark Gould, Assistant Executive Director of MERPAC, telephone 202-372-1409, fax 202-372-1426.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register** [5 U.S.C. App. (Pub. L. 92-463)]. MERPAC is chartered under that Act. It provides advice and makes recommendations to the Assistant Commandant for Operations on issues concerning merchant marine personnel such as implementation of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978, and developing standards of competency for ship's security officers.

#### Tentative Agenda

Thursday, July 19th, 2007.

10 a.m.-10:05 p.m.

Welcome and Opening Remarks—MERPAC Chairman Captain Andrew McGovern.

10:05 a.m.-12 p.m.

Open discussion concerning the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) Biometric Reader Requirements.

12 p.m.-12:15 p.m.

Public comment period.

12:15 p.m.-1 p.m.

MERPAC vote on recommendations for the Coast Guard.

1 p.m.

Adjourn.

This tentative agenda is subject to change and the meeting may adjourn early if all committee business has been completed.

#### Public Participation

The Chairman of MERPAC is empowered to conduct the teleconference in a way that will, in his judgment, facilitate the orderly conduct of business. During its teleconference, the committee welcomes public comment. The committee will make every effort to hear the views of all interested parties, including the public. Written comments may be submitted to Mr. Mark Gould, Assistant Executive Director, MERPAC, Commandant (CG-3PSO-1), 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington DC 20593-0001.

#### Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact Mr. Gould as soon as possible.

Dated: June 25, 2007.

#### H.L. Hime,

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

[USCG-2007-28520]

#### Towing Safety Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of open teleconference meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a teleconference of the Towing Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC). The purpose of the teleconference is for TSAC to discuss and prepare recommendations for the Coast Guard concerning its Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) on the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) Biometric Reader Requirements.

**DATES:** The teleconference call will take place on Tuesday, July 17th, 2007, from 9 a.m. until noon Eastern Daylight Savings Time.

**ADDRESSES:** Committee members and members of the public may participate