

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.  
**T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.**,  
*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD–2018–0112]

#### Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel VENOM; Invitation for Public Comments

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** 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 August 20, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should refer to docket number MARAD 2018 0112. 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 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bianca Carr, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W23–453, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202–366–9309, Email [Bianca.carr@dot.gov](mailto:Bianca.carr@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel VENOM is:

- Intended Commercial Use of Vessel:* “Carry passengers on day charters for sightseeing, snorkeling, etc.”
- Geographic Region:* “Hawaii, California”

The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD 2018 0112 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 section 388.4 of MARAD’s regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

#### Privacy Act

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT/MARAD solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT/MARAD posts these comments, without edit, to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), as described in the system of records notice, DOT/ALL–14 FDMS, accessible through [www.dot.gov/privacy](http://www.dot.gov/privacy). In order to facilitate comment tracking and response, we encourage commenters to provide their name, or the name of their organization; however, submission of names is completely optional. Whether or not commenters identify themselves, all timely comments will be fully considered. If you wish to provide comments containing proprietary or confidential information, please contact the agency for alternate submission instructions.

**Authority:** 49 CFR 1.93(a), 46 U.S.C. 55103, 46 U.S.C. 12121. \* \* \*

Dated: July 16, 2018.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD–2018–0113]

#### Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel MONTRACHET; Invitation for Public Comments

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** 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 August 20, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should refer to docket number MARAD–2018–0113. 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 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel MONTRACHET is:

- Intended Commercial Use of Vessel:* “Time Charters”
- Geographic Region:* “Florida, Delaware, New Jersey, New York (excluding New York Harbor), Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine”

The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD–2018–0113 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

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA-2018-0028]

#### Pipeline Safety: Pipeline Research and Development Forum

**AGENCY:** Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of public forum.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is to inform the interested public that the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) will be conducting a public meeting for the Pipeline Research and Development Forum. PHMSA periodically conducts such a forum to generate a national research agenda that fosters solutions to the many challenges with pipeline safety and protecting the environment.

**DATES:** The public forum will be held on September 11-12, 2018. Name badge

pick up and on-site registration will be available starting at 7:00 a.m. on both days, with the forum taking place from 8:00 a.m. ET until approximately 5:00 p.m. ET on September 11 and from 8:00 a.m. ET until approximately 4:30 p.m. ET on September 12. Online pre-registration for the forum is available until August 27. Individuals requiring accommodations, such as sign language interpretation or other ancillary aids, should notify OPS by August 27. For additional information, see the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

**ADDRESSES:** The public forum will be held at the Hyatt Regency Baltimore Inner Harbor Hotel, 300 Light Street, Baltimore, Maryland, 21202. The agenda and any additional information for the forum will be published on the following meeting and registration page at <https://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/meetings/MtgHome.mtg?mtg=136>.

**Registration:** To help assure that adequate space is provided, attendees should register in advance at the PHMSA public forum website at <https://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/meetings/MtgHome.mtg?mtg=136>. Onsite registration will also be available.

The public forum will not be webcast; however, presentations will be available on the forum website and in the public docket at <https://www.regulations.gov/>, in docket number PHMSA-2018-0028, within 30 days following the meeting.

**Public Participation:** The Pipeline Research and Development Forum will be open to the public. Members of the public will be provided an opportunity to make a statement during the forum.

Individuals requiring accommodations, such as sign language interpretation or other ancillary aids, should notify Robert Smith, Engineering and Research Division, at 919-238-4759 or [robert.w.smith@dot.gov](mailto:robert.w.smith@dot.gov).

**Written comments:** Persons who wish to submit written comments on the forum may do so by submitting them to the public docket in the following ways:

**E-Gov website:** <https://www.regulations.gov>. This website allows the public to enter comments on any **Federal Register** notice issued by any agency.

**Fax:** 1-202-493-2251.

**Mail:** Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

**Hand Delivery:** Room W12-140 on the ground level of the DOT West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

**Instructions:** Identify the docket number PHMSA-2018-0028 at the beginning of your comments. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. Anyone can 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.). Therefore, consider reviewing DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477), or view the Privacy Notice at <https://www.regulations.gov> before submitting comments.

**Docket:** For docket access or to read background documents or comments, go to <https://www.regulations.gov> at any time or to Room W12-140 on the ground level of the DOT West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

If you wish to receive confirmation of receipt of your written comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped postcard with the following statement: "Comments on PHMSA-2018-0028." The docket clerk will date stamp the postcard prior to returning it to you via the U.S. mail.

#### Privacy Act Statement

DOT may solicit comments from the public regarding certain general notices. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at [www.dot.gov/privacy](http://www.dot.gov/privacy).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert Smith, Office of Pipeline Safety, Engineering and Research Division, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, at 919-238-4759 or [robert.w.smith@dot.gov](mailto:robert.w.smith@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** PHMSA periodically conducts this Pipeline Research and Development Forum to generate a national research agenda that fosters solutions to the many challenges with pipeline safety and protecting the environment. The forum allows the public, government and industry pipeline stakeholders to provide input on the technical gaps and challenges for future research. It also reduces duplication of programs, factors ongoing research efforts, leverages resources and broadens synergies. The national