

(a) Task statement 16–24
Recommendations on Appropriate Diets and Wellness for Mariners While Onboard Merchant Vessels;

(b) Task Statement 18–27,
Recommendations on Mariner Mental Health; and

(c) Task Statement 18–28,
Communication Between External Stakeholders and the Mariner Credentialing Program.

(3) Public comment period.

(4) Reports of working groups. At the end of the day, the working groups will report to the full Committee on what was accomplished in their meetings. The full Committee will not take action on these reports on this date. Any official action taken as a result of these Working Group meetings will be taken on day two of the meeting.

(5) Adjournment of meeting.

Day 2

The agenda for the September 11, 2019, meeting is as follows:

(1) Introduction.

(2) Designated Federal Officer announcements.

(3) Remarks from U.S. Coast Guard Leadership.

(4) Roll call of Committee members and determination of a quorum.

(5) Reports from the following Working Groups:

(a) Task statement 16–24
Recommendations on Appropriate Diets and Wellness for Mariners While Onboard Merchant Vessels;

(b) Task Statement 18–27,
Recommendations on Mariner Mental Health; and

(c) Task Statement 18–28,
Communication Between External Stakeholders and the Mariner Credentialing Program.

(6) New Business:

(a) Task Statement X–1, Review of Coast Guard forms CG–719K, CG–719K/E and CG–719P;

(b) Task Statement X–2, Additional Guidance on Conduct of the General Medical Exam; and

(c) Task Statement X–3, Medical Certifications for Military to Mariner Applicants.

(7) Other items for discussion:

(a) USCG FACA changes due to the *Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018*;

(b) Mariner Credentialing Program; and

(c) NMC 6 Medical Evaluation Presentation.

(8) Public comment period.

(9) Discussion of Working Group recommendations. The Committee will review the information presented on each issue, deliberate on any

recommendations presented by the Working Groups, approve/formulate recommendations and close any completed tasks. Official action on these recommendations may be taken on this date.

(10) Closing remarks/plans for next meeting.

(11) Adjournment of meeting.

A copy of all meeting documentation will be available at <https://homeport.uscg.mil/missions/ports-and-waterways/safety-advisory-committees/medmac> no later than September 4, 2019. Alternatively, you may contact Mr. Davis Breyer as noted in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section above.

A public comment period will be held during each working group and full Committee meeting concerning matters being discussed. Public comments will be limited to three minutes per speaker. Please note that the meeting may adjourn early if the work is completed. Contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section above, to register as a speaker.

Dated: August 15, 2019.

Jeffrey G. Lantz,

Director of Commercial Regulations and Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG–2019–0654]

Certificate of Alternative Compliance for the CAPT. JIM MCALLISTER

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notification of issuance of a certificate of alternative compliance.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard announces that the Chief of Prevention Division, Seventh District has issued a certificate of alternative compliance from the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (72 COLREGS), for the CAPT. JIM MCALLISTER (O.N. 1289659). We are issuing this notice because its publication is required by statute. Due to the construction and placement of the stern light and sidelights, CAPT. JIM MCALLISTER cannot fully comply with the light, shape, or sound signal provisions of the 72 COLREGS without interfering with the vessel's design and construction. This notification of the issuance of these certificates of alternative compliance promotes the Coast Guard's marine safety mission.

DATES: The Certificate of Alternative Compliance was issued on July 29, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information or questions about this notice call or email LCDR Dale Cressman, D7 dpi, U.S. Coast Guard, 305–415–7148, Dale.T.Cressman@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States is signatory to the International Maritime Organization's International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (72 COLREGS), as amended. The special construction or purpose of some vessels makes them unable to comply with the light, shape, or sound signal provisions of the 72 COLREGS. Under statutory law, however, specified 72 COLREGS provisions are not applicable to a vessel of special construction or purpose if the Coast Guard determines that the vessel cannot comply fully with those requirements without interfering with the special function of the vessel.¹

The owner, builder, operator, or agent of a special construction or purpose vessel may apply to the Coast Guard District Office in which the vessel is being built or operated for a determination that compliance with alternative requirements is justified,² and the Chief of the Prevention Division would then issue the applicant a certificate of alternative compliance (COAC) if he or she determines that the vessel cannot comply fully with 72 COLREGS light, shape, and sound signal provisions without interference with the vessel's special function.³ If the Coast Guard issues a COAC, it must publish notice of this action in the **Federal Register**.⁴

The Chief of Prevention Division, Seventh District, U.S. Coast Guard, certifies that the CAPT. JIM MCALLISTER (O.N. 1289659) is a vessel of special construction or purpose, and that, with respect to the positions of the stern and sidelights, it is not possible to comply fully with the requirements of the provisions enumerated in the 72 COLREGS, without interfering with the normal operation, construction, or design of the vessel. The Chief of Prevention Division, Seventh District, U.S. Coast Guard, further finds and certifies that the lights are configured in the closest possible compliance with the applicable provisions of the 72 COLREGS.⁵

¹ 33 U.S.C. 1605.

² 33 CFR 81.5.

³ 33 CFR 81.9.

⁴ 33 U.S.C. 1605(c) and 33 CFR 81.18.

⁵ 33 U.S.C. 1605(a); 33 CFR 81.9.

This notice is issued under authority of 33 U.S.C. 1605(c) and 33 CFR 81.18.

Dated: July 29, 2019.

J.D. Espino-Young,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Chief, Prevention Division, Seventh Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG-2019-0475]

Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee

AGENCY: U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice of Federal Advisory Committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee and its working groups will meet to discuss issues related to the training and fitness of merchant marine personnel. The meetings will be open to the public.

DATES:

Meetings: The Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee and its working groups are scheduled to meet on Monday, September 16, 2019, from 1:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 17, 2019, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., and on Wednesday, September 18, 2019, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. These meetings may adjourn early if the Committee has completed its business.

Comments and supporting documentation: To ensure your comments are received by Committee members before the meetings, submit your written comments no later than September 11, 2019.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the U.S. Coast Guard National Maritime Center in the Dales Larson Room on the third floor, 100 Forbes Drive, Martinsburg, WV 25404-0001 (<https://www.uscg.mil/nmc/>).

Pre-registration Information: Pre-registration is required for access to U.S. Coast Guard, National Maritime Center. Foreign nationals participating will be required to pre-register no later than September 2, 2019, to be admitted to the meeting. U.S. citizens participating will be required to pre-register no later than September 11, 2019, to be admitted to the meeting. To pre-register, contact Mr. Davis Breyer at davis.j.breyer@uscg.mil or (202) 372-1445. You will be asked to provide your name and telephone number. In addition, please provide the

company or group in which you are affiliated. Foreign nationals will also need to provide your country of citizenship, passport country, country of residence, place of birth, passport number, and expiration date. All attendees will be required to provide a REAL ID Act-compliant government-issued picture identification card in order to gain admittance to the building. For more information on REAL ID and to check the compliance status of your state/territory, please see <https://www.dhs.gov/real-id> and <https://www.dhs.gov/real-id-public-faqs>.

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice.

Instructions: You are free to submit comments at any time, including orally at the meetings, but if you want Committee members to review your comment before the meetings, please submit your comments no later than September 11, 2019. We are particularly interested in comments on the issues in the “Agenda” section below. You must include “Department of Homeland Security” and the docket number USCG-2019-0475. Written comments may also be submitted using the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>. If you encounter technical difficulties with comments submission, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section below. Comments received will be posted without alteration at <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. You may review the Privacy and Security Notice for the Federal Docket Management System at <https://www.regulations.gov/privacyNotice>.

Docket Search: For access to the docket to read documents or comments related to this notice, go to <https://www.regulations.gov>, type USCG-2019-0475 in the “Search” box, press Enter, and then click on the item you wish to view.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Davis Breyer, Alternate Designated Federal Officer of the Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee, 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. SE, Stop 7509, Washington, DC 20593-7509, telephone 202-372-1445, fax 202-372-8382 or davis.j.breyer@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is in compliance to the *Federal Advisory Committee Act*, 5 U.S.C. App.

The Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee is established under authority of U.S. Code, title 46, section 8108. The Committee acts solely in an advisory capacity to the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security through the Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard on matters relating to personnel in the United States merchant marine, including training, qualifications, certification, documentation, and fitness standards and other matters as assigned by the Commandant. The Committee also reviews and comments on proposed U.S. Coast Guard regulations and policies relating to personnel in the United States merchant marine, including training, qualifications, certification, documentation, and fitness standards.

Agenda

Day 1

The agenda for the September 16, 2019 meeting is as follows:

- (1) The full Committee will meet briefly for organizational purposes.
- (2) The members of the Committee and the attending public will meet in an informal discussion group in order to provide insights on the advantages and disadvantages of autonomous ships from an operational and training perspective.
- (3) The members of the Committee and the attending public will meet in an informal discussion group in order to provide insights on the review of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978, as amended.
- (4) Adjournment of meeting.

Day 2

The agenda for the September 17, 2019, meeting is as follows:

- (1) The full Committee will meet briefly to discuss the working groups’ business/task statements, which are listed under paragraph (2) (a)–(d) below.
- (2) Working groups will separately address the following task statements which are available for viewing at <https://homeport.uscg.mil/missions/ports-and-waterways/safety-advisory-committees/merpac/>;
 - (a) Task Statement 89, Review of MSC Circular MSC/Circ.1014, Guidelines on fatigue mitigation and management;
 - (b) Task Statement 90, Review of IMO Model Courses Being Validated by the IMO HTW Subcommittee;
 - (c) Task Statement 94, MERPAC Recommendation Review; and
 - (d) Task Statement 101, Communication Between External