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

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Dated: December 18, 2019.

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-2019-0199]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel LADY SUSAN (Sailing Catamaran); 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 requirements of the coastwise trade laws to allow the carriage of no more than twelve passengers for hire on vessels, which are three years old or more. 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 January 27, 2020.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number MARAD-2019-0199 by any one of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Search MARAD-2019-0199 and follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- **Mail or Hand Delivery:** Docket Management Facility is in the West Building, Ground Floor of the U.S. Department of Transportation. The Docket Management Facility location address is: U.S. Department of Transportation, MARAD-2019-0199, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

Note: If you mail or hand-deliver your comments, we recommend that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a telephone number in the body of your document so that we can contact you if we have questions regarding your submission.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and specific docket number. All comments received will be posted without change to the docket at www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided. For detailed instructions on submitting comments, see the section entitled Public Participation.

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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel LADY SUSAN is:

—*Intended Commercial Use of Vessel:*
“To run the vessel in calypsosailing.com charter program. Available with a captain for up to 6 passengers. Day trip and overnight

trips available in Florida Keys, Miami, Fort Lauderdale and Naples.”

—*Geographic Region Including Base of Operations:* “Florida” (Base of Operations: Naples, FL)

—*Vessel Length and Type:* 58’ sailing catamaran

The complete application is available for review identified in the DOT docket as MARAD-2019-0199 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 vessel name, 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.

Public Participation

How do I submit comments?

Please submit your comments, including the attachments, following the instructions provided under the above heading entitled **ADDRESSES**. Be advised that it may take a few hours or even days for your comment to be reflected on the docket. In addition, your comments must be written in English. We encourage you to provide concise comments and you may attach additional documents as necessary. There is no limit on the length of the attachments.

Where do I go to read public comments, and find supporting information?

Go to the docket online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, keyword search MARAD-2019-0199 or visit the Docket Management Facility (see **ADDRESSES** for hours of operation). We recommend that you periodically check the Docket for new submissions and supporting material.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No.: PHMSA-2019-0098]

Lithium Battery Safety Advisory Committee; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Lithium Battery Safety Advisory Committee.

DATES: The meeting will be held on January 22-23, 2020, from 9:00 to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Requests to attend the meeting must be received by January 8, 2020. Requests for accommodations for a disability must be received by January 8, 2020. Persons

requesting to speak during the meeting must submit a written copy of their remarks to DOT by January 8, 2020. Requests to submit written materials to be reviewed during the meeting must be received no later than January 8, 2020.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at DOT Headquarters, West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001. The meeting will also be webcast. Information for accessing the webcast will be posted on Committee website. The Lithium Battery Safety Advisory Committee website is located at: <https://www.phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat/rulemakings/lithium-battery-safety-advisory-committee>. The E-Gov website is located at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Mailed written comments intended for the committee should be sent to Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Hand delivered written comments should be delivered to the DOT dockets facility located in Room W12-140 on the ground level of the DOT West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Aaron Wiener or Kevin Leary, PHMSA, U.S. Department of Transportation. Telephone: (202) 366-8553. Fax: (202) 366-3753. Email: lithiumbatteryFACA@dot.gov. Any committee related request should be sent to the person listed in this section.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Lithium Battery Safety Advisory Committee was created under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA, Pub. L. 92-463), in accordance with Section 333(d) of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (Pub. L. 115-254).

II. Agenda

At the meeting, the agenda will cover the following topics as specifically outlined in section 333(d) of Public Law 115-254:

(a) Facilitate communication amongst manufacturers of lithium batteries and products containing lithium batteries, air carriers, and the Federal government.

(b) Discuss the effectiveness, and the economic and social impacts of lithium battery transportation regulations.

(c) Provide the Secretary with information regarding new technologies and transportation safety practices.

(d) Provide a forum to discuss Departmental activities related to lithium battery transportation safety.

(e) Advise and recommend activities to improve the global enforcement of air transportation of lithium batteries, and the effectiveness of those regulations.

(f) Provide a forum for feedback on potential U.S. positions to be taken at international forums.

(g) Guide activities to increase awareness of relevant requirements.

(h) Review methods to decrease the risk posed by undeclared hazardous materials.

A final agenda will be posted on the Lithium Battery Safety Advisory Committee website at least one week in advance of the meeting.

III. Public Participation

The meeting will be open to the public on a first-come, first served basis, as space is limited. Members of the public who wish to attend in person must RSVP to the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section with your name and affiliation. DOT is committed to providing equal access to this meeting for all participants. If you need alternative formats or services because of a disability, such as sign language, interpretation, or other ancillary aids, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section no later than January 8, 2020.

There will be five (5) minutes allotted for oral comments from members of the public joining the meeting. To accommodate as many speakers as possible, the time for each commenter may be limited. Individuals wishing to reserve speaking time during the meeting must submit a request at the time of registration, as well as the name, address, and organizational affiliation of the proposed speaker. If the number of registrants requesting to make statements is greater than can be reasonably accommodated during the meeting, PHMSA may conduct a lottery to determine the speakers. Speakers are requested to submit a written copy of their prepared remarks for inclusion in the meeting records and for circulation to Lithium Battery Safety Advisory Committee members. All prepared remarks submitted on time will be accepted and considered as part of the record. Any member of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

Copies of the meeting minutes, and committee presentations will be available on the Lithium Battery Safety Advisory Committee website. Presentations will also be posted on the E-Gov website in docket number PHMSA [PHMSA-2019-0098], within 30 days following the meeting.