

account for seasonal variations, FTA clarifies that the survey methodology must be approved by a qualified statistician. 49 CFR 630.4(a). To ensure that a survey methodology is compliant with the requirement for 95% confidence, FTA further clarifies that per regulation, the survey methodology and evidence of an approval by a qualified statistician must be reviewed and approved by FTA prior to conducting the survey. A statistically valid survey will give every passenger on the service for the year an equal chance of selection or will use sample stratification to give every passenger a representative chance of selection. FTA will implement this change effective immediately.

L. Clarification on Reporting Linear Miles and Track Miles to the Asset Inventory

FTA received three comments related to the proposed definitions of linear miles and track miles. One agency supported the clarification as written. One agency suggested that FTA should require the collection of both linear miles and track miles to allow for comparisons across systems. A third agency expressed continued confusion over the distinction between linear miles and track miles.

FTA Response: In response to comments, and to simplify reporting in the future, FTA will remove linear miles from the reporting system. All reporters should report their guideway using the definition of track miles provided in this notice: The cumulative length in miles of all track—including multiple track railways over the same area. This should represent the total length of all laid track. FTA will implement this change in Report Year 2020.

M. Clarification of Rural Financial Data Reporting Requirement

FTA received one comment requesting that the clarification of the rural financial data reporting requirement should be applied to all non-dedicated providers of demand response rides.

FTA Response: FTA clarifies that per 49 CFR 630.4(a), all modes and types of service must be reported to the NTD consistent with the Uniform System of Accounts (USOA), which requires agencies to report the total cost of delivering each mode of transit service, including both direct and shared costs of providing service. FTA will

implement this clarification effective immediately.

K. Jane Williams,

Acting Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD–2020–0090]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel HOOKED UP (Motor Vessel); 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 August 24, 2020.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number MARAD–2020–0090 by any one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Search MARAD–2020–0090 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–2020–0090, 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 HOOKED UP is:

- Intended Commercial Use of Vessel: “Sport Fishing Charters in the State of Alaska with 6 or fewer people.”
- Geographic Region Including Base of Operations: “Alaska (excluding Southeast Alaska)” (Base of Operations: Valdez, AK)
- Vessel Length and Type: 30’ motor vessel

The complete application is available for review identified in the DOT docket as MARAD–2020–0090 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–2020–0090 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.

Will my comments be made available to the public?

Yes. Be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, will be made publicly available.

May I submit comments confidentially?

If you wish to submit comments under a claim of confidentiality, you should submit three copies of your complete submission, including the information you claim to be confidential business information, to the Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, Office of Legislation and Regulations, MAR-225, W24-220, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. Include a cover letter setting forth with specificity the basis for any such claim and, if possible, a summary of your submission that can be made available to the public.

Privacy Act

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice, DOT/ALL-14 FDMS, accessible through www.dot.gov/privacy. 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 20, 2020.

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-2020-0091]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel REFLECTION (Motor Vessel); 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 August 24, 2020.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number MARAD-2020-0091 by any one of the following methods:

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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 REFLECTION is:

—*Intended Commercial Use of Vessel:* “Carrying passengers for hire”

—*Geographic Region Including Base of Operations:* Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana” (Base of Operations: Miami, FL)

—VESSEL LENGTH AND TYPE: 85” motor vessel

The complete application is available for review identified in the DOT docket as MARAD-2020-0091 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.

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