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

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–2023–0166]

#### Coastwise Endorsement Eligibility Determination for a Foreign-Built Vessel: EVA ELAINE II (Motor); 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 issue coastwise endorsement eligibility determinations for foreign-built vessels which will carry no more than twelve passengers for hire. A request for such a determination has been received by MARAD. By this notice, MARAD seeks comments from interested parties as to any effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. Information about the requestor’s vessel, including a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before September 6, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number MARAD–2023–0166 by any one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Search MARAD–2023–0166 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–2023–0166, 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](https://www.regulations.gov), including any personal information provided. For detailed instructions on submitting comments, or to submit comments that are confidential in

nature, see the section entitled Public Participation.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patricia Hagerty, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W23–461, Washington, DC 20590. Email: [patricia.hagerty@dot.gov](mailto:patricia.hagerty@dot.gov), 202 366–0903.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As described in the application, the intended service of the vessel EVA ELAINE II is:

- Intended Commercial Use of Vessel:* “Charter vessel for halibut sport fishing (a six pack boat)—no more than six clients per trip. I have guided halibut clients for 23 years in the Cook Inlet area and am CG licensed.”
- Geographic Region Including Base of Operations:* “Alaska.” (Base of Operations: Homer, AK)
- Vessel Length and Type:* 31’ Motor

The complete application is available for review identified in the DOT docket as MARAD 2023–0166 at <https://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 employment of the vessel in the coastwise trade to carry no more than 12 passengers will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels in that business, MARAD will not issue an approval of the vessel’s coastwise endorsement eligibility. Comments should refer to the vessel name, state the commenter’s interest in the application, and address the eligibility 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?*

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MARAD–2023–0166 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–2023–0056]

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

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting and webcast.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a public forum on Research and Development for pipeline safety titled “Pipeline Safety Research and Development Forum 2023.” PHMSA periodically holds this forum to help generate a national research agenda that identifies technical challenges and fosters solutions to improve pipeline safety and protect the environment.

**DATES:** The forum will be held October 31–November 1, 2023, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. On-site registration will begin at 7:00 a.m. on both days. Online preregistration will open on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, and close on Friday, October 20, 2023. Individuals requiring accommodations, such as sign language interpretation or other ancillary aids, should notify Andrea Ceartin, Engineering & Research Division, by phone at 406–577–6818, or email [andrea.ceartin@dot.gov](mailto:andrea.ceartin@dot.gov) no later than October 4, 2023. For additional information, see the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

**ADDRESSES:** This public meeting and forum will be held in person at the Westin Crystal City Reagan National Airport, 1800 Richmond Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202, with a webcast to include the opening technical presentations. Once finalized, the hotel reservation link, meeting agenda, and instructions on how to attend will be published on the public meeting registration page at <https://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/meetings/MtgHome.mtg?mtg=166>.

**Presentations:** Presentations will be available on the meeting website and at <https://regulations.gov>, Docket Number PHMSA–2023–0056, no later than 30 days following the meeting.

**Submitting Comments:** You may submit comments, identified by Docket Number. PHMSA–2023–0056, by any of the following methods:

- **Website:** The following website, <http://www.regulations.gov>, allows the public to enter comments on any **Federal Register** notice issued by any

agency. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

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

- **Hand Delivery:** DOT Docket Management System, located at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday, except federal holidays.

- **Fax:** 202–493–2251. DOT Docket Management Facility. Confirmation notices for faxed comments will not be issued.

- **Instructions:** Identify Docket No. PHMSA–2023–0056 at the beginning of your comments. If you submit your comments by mail, please submit two copies. If you wish to receive confirmation that PHMSA received your comments, you must include a self-addressed stamped postcard. Internet users may submit comments at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

- **Note:** All comments received are posted without edits to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading below.

- **Confidential Business Information:** Confidential Business Information (CBI) is commercial or financial information that is both customarily and actually treated as private by its owner. Under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552), CBI is exempt from public disclosure. If your comments in response to this notice contain commercial or financial information that is customarily treated as private, that you actually treat as private, and is relevant or responsive to this notice, it is important that you clearly designate the submitted comments as CBI. Pursuant to 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 190.343, you may ask PHMSA to provide confidential treatment to information you give the agency by taking the following steps: (1) mark each page of the original document submission containing CBI as “Confidential;” (2) send PHMSA a copy of the original document with the CBI deleted along with the original, unaltered document; and (3) explain why the information you are submitting is CBI. Submissions containing CBI should be sent to Mary McDaniel, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, DOT: PHMSA—PHP–40, Washington, DC 20590–0001. Any commentary PHMSA receives that is not specifically designated as CBI will be placed in the public docket.

- **Privacy Act:** DOT may solicit comments from the public regarding certain general notices. DOT posts these