

to charge for the use of the equipment, the recipient and their partner(s) should come to an agreement as to the fee collection method.

*Comment:* The transit agency further commented that FTA should consider exempting the vehicles of a joint developments' affordable housing tenants from the fee collection requirement.

*Response:* Exempting any private users from the fee collection requirements is outside the scope of the statute and is therefore not discussed further in Circular 7050.1C. However, FTA encourages recipients to work with their partners to consider negotiating a different fee structure for affordable housing tenants.

*Comment:* An industry association commented in support of the proposed changes to the Joint Development Circular and noted the importance of allowing the fee collection to be waived if the recipient demonstrates the cost to install a fee collection system is more than the costs paid by the users.

*Response:* FTA acknowledges these comments and refers the reader to the response provided above.

*Comment:* The industry association further commented that charging stations should be allowed to accommodate not only personal automobiles but any other form of electrically powered mobility devices such as electric bicycles, electric scooters, electric mopeds, or any other emerging battery-powered or zero-emission vehicle.

*Response:* The statute only addresses the collection of fees from "passenger vehicles" and does not address the shared or incidental use of the equipment by other vehicle types or the collection of fees from the users of those vehicles. 49 U.S.C. 5302(4)(G)(iv). While the term "passenger vehicle" is not defined in the statute, FTA interprets it to mean automobiles or vans, consistent with similar definitions in other Federal statutes. See 49 U.S.C. 30127(a)(2) ("multipurpose passenger vehicle"); 49 U.S.C. 32101(9)-(10) ("multipurpose passenger vehicle" and "passenger motor vehicle"); 49 U.S.C. 30127(a)(3) ("passenger car").

*Comment:* The industry association also commented that agencies should have the ability to cover the costs of the infrastructure, the operation and maintenance costs as well as the cost of the electricity provided.

*Response:* FTA concurs with this comment and further clarifies in the final circular that electricity costs are considered operating costs and would, therefore, fall under the fee collection requirements. Electricity costs may also

be negotiated as part of the fair share of costs pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 5302(4)(G)(v).

**Nuria I. Fernandez,**  
Administrator.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[[Docket No. MARAD-2024-0011]]

#### Coastwise Endorsement Eligibility Determination for a Foreign-Built Vessel: KALA (Sail); 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 March 1, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number MARAD-2024-0011 by any one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Search MARAD-2024-0011 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-2024-0011, 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](http://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. Telephone: (202) 366-0903. Email: [patricia.hagerty@dot.gov](mailto:patricia.hagerty@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As described in the application, the intended service of the vessel KALA is:

- Intended Commercial Use of Vessel:* Requester intends to use for sailing and sightseeing trips.
- Geographic Region Including Base of Operations:* Florida. Base of Operations: Clearwater Beach, FL.
- Vessel Length and Type:* 39' Sailing Catamaran.

The complete application is available for review identified in the DOT docket as MARAD 2024-0011 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?*

Go to the docket online at <https://www.regulations.gov>, keyword search MARAD–2024–0011 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 the information you claim to be confidential commercial information by email to [SmallVessels@dot.gov](mailto:SmallVessels@dot.gov). Include in the email subject heading “Contains Confidential Commercial Information” or “Contains CCI” and state in your submission, with specificity, the basis for any such confidential claim highlighting or denoting the CCI portions. If possible, please provide a summary of your submission that can be made available to the public.

In the event MARAD receives a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the information, procedures described in the Department’s FOIA regulation at 49 CFR 7.29 will be followed. Only information that is ultimately determined to be confidential under those procedures will be exempt from disclosure under FOIA.

#### Privacy Act

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.). For information on DOT’s compliance with the Privacy Act, please visit <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>.

(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–2024–0009]

#### Coastwise Endorsement Eligibility Determination for a Foreign-Built Vessel: MALAMA I KE KAI (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 March 1, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number MARAD–2024–0009 by any one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Search MARAD–2024–0009 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–2024–0009, 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.

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nature, see the section entitled Public Participation.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As described in the application, the intended service of the vessel MALAMA I KE KAI is:

*Intended Commercial Use of Vessel:* Requester intends to use for snorkeling, diving, and sightseeing trips.  
*Geographic Region Including Base of Operations:* Hawaii. Base of Operations: Hilo, HI.  
*Vessel Length and Type:* 35’ Motor.

The complete application is available for review identified in the DOT docket as MARAD 2024–0009 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.

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