

(D) vessel design, construction, maintenance, and operation; and (E) personnel qualifications and training;

Additionally, the Committee will review regulations proposed under chapter 45 of Title 46 of U.S Code (during preparation of the regulations) and review marine casualties and investigations of vessels covered by chapter 45 of Title 46 U.S. Code and make recommendations to the Secretary to improve safety and reduce vessel casualties.

Agenda

Day 1 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m. AKDT)

The agenda for the National Commercial Fishing Safety Advisory Committee is as follows:

I. Opening

- a. Call to Order/Designated Federal Officer (DFO) Remarks.
- b. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum.
- c. U.S. Coast Guard Leadership Remarks.

II. Administration

- a. Review and Adoption of Meeting Agenda.
- b. Meeting Goals.
- c. Roberts Rules Simplified.

III. General Updates

- a. Old Business.
- b. New Business.

IV. U.S. Coast Guard Information Session and Progress Update to Committee

- a. Brief: Numbers and types of injuries and deaths caused by rotational and mechanical equipment.
- b. Brief: U.S. Coast Guard initiatives with search and rescue operations in and around wind farms.
- c. Brief: Very High Frequency (VHF) radio relay tower maintenance and Digital Selecting Calling (DSC) operational status in coastal Alaska.
- d. Brief: Fire risks of emerging alternative propulsion technology (e.g., hydrogen, electric batteries etc.) on commercial fishing vessels.

V. Public Comment Period

VI. U.S. Coast Guard Committee Tasking and Investigation Review

- a. Task Statement #23–24: Review marine casualty investigations linked to fire and smoke detection devices on Commercial Fishing Vessels (CFVs). Make recommendations to the U.S. Coast Guard.
 1. Public Comment Period.
 2. Committee Deliberation.
 3. Committee Vote on Recommendations Presented.

b. Task Statement #24–24: Review CFV marine casualty investigations cases that resulted from structural failures which resulted in sinking and total loss of the vessel. Make recommendations to the U.S. Coast Guard on preferred standards for material conditions, construction, and design to improve vessel seaworthiness.

1. Public Comment Period.
2. Committee Deliberation.
3. Committee Vote on Recommendations Presented.

c. Task Statement #25–24: Advise the U.S. Coast Guard on whether CFVs should be subject to Safety Management System requirements.

d. Task Statement #26–24: Craft a “NCF SAC Posthumous Special Recognition Award” that recognizes the accomplishments and contributions of an advocate to fishing industry safety.

e. Task Statement #10–23: Continue review of the development of the CG–CVC–3 publicly accessible website that contains information related to fishing industry activities, including vessel safety, inspections, enforcement, hazards, training, and outages of the Rescue 21 system.

VII. Public Comment Period

VIII. Meeting Adjourns

Day 2 (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. AKDT)

IX. Call to Order/Designated Federal Officer (DFO) Remarks

X. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum

XI. Committee Discussions/Actions

XII. Public Comment Period

XIII. Review Voluntary Best Practice Updates

XIV. Annual Election of Chair and Vice Chair

XV. Plans for Next Meeting

XVI. Closing Remarks/Committee and U.S. Coast Guard

XVII. Adjournment of Meeting

A copy of pre-meeting documentation will be available at <https://www.dco.uscg.mil/NCFSAC2024/> on or about August 23, 2024. Alternatively, you may contact Mr. Jonathan Wendland as noted in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section above.

There will be public comment periods scheduled each day of the meeting. Speakers are requested to limit their comments to 3 minutes. Please note that the public comment period may end before the period allotted, following the last call for comments.

Please contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section to register as a speaker.

Dated: August 21, 2024.

Amy M. Beach,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Director of Inspections and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG–2024–0235]

Certificates of Alternative Compliance for the Eighth Coast Guard District

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notification of issuance of certificates of alternative compliance.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard announces that the Eighth Coast Guard District’s Prevention Division has issued certificates of alternative compliance from the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (72 COLREGS), to vessels of special construction or purpose that cannot fully comply with the light, shape, and sound signal provisions of 72 COLREGS without interfering with the vessel’s design and construction. We are issuing this notice because its publication is required by statute. This notification of issuance of certificates of alternative compliance promotes the Coast Guard’s marine safety mission.

DATES: These Certificates of Alternative Compliance were issued between April 2023 and December 2023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information or questions about this notice call or email Lieutenant Commander Jessica Flennoy, District Eight, Prevention Division, U.S. Coast Guard, telephone 504–671–2156, email Jessica.Flennoy@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

¹ 33 U.S.C. 1605.

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 Eighth Coast Guard District has issued COACs to the following vessels from April 2023 to December 2023:

Year	Vessel name	Details
2023	ANGUS R COOPER II.	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's mast light 36'-9 ⁷ / ₈ " above the main deck and 23'-7 ⁷ / ₈ " when the mast is in the lowered position; sidelights on the elevated pilot house 4'-6" outboard from the centerline of the vessel; Restricted in Ability to Maneuver and Not Under Command lights 1'-1 ¹ / ₂ " off centerline starting 23'-7 ⁷ / ₈ " above the hull and vertically spaced 6'-7"; stern light placed at the centerline of the vessel on the rear portion of the pilot house at a height no less than nor exceeding 20'-8 ¹ / ₂ " as measured from the main deck; and as a result of the Restricted in Ability to Maneuver and Not Under Command light placement, the towing masthead lights will not be above and clear of all other lights.
2023	HOS RESOLUTION	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's stern light 17'-5" above the main deck and 22' outboard from the centerline of the vessel on the starboard side of stern ramp; and the towing light 24' above the main deck and 22' outboard from the centerline of the vessel on the starboard side of stern ramp.
2023	C-LEGACY	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's aft masthead light 21'-9 ¹ / ₁₆ " aft of the forward masthead light.
2023	AURORA	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's mast light 40'-3 ³ / ₄ " above the main deck and 23'-3" when the mast is in the lowered position and 1'-2" aft of amidships; sidelights on the elevated pilot house 10'-5 ³ / ₄ " outboard from the centerline of the vessel; and Restricted in Ability to Maneuver and Not Under Command lights 1'-6" off centerline starting 25'-5 ¹ / ₈ " above the hull and vertically spaced 6'-7"; and stern light at the centerline of the vessel on the rear portion of the pilot house at a height no less than nor exceeding 23'-3" as measured from the main deck.
2023	EWOLF	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's mast light 42'-0 ³ / ₄ " above the main deck and 23'-7 ¹ / ₁₆ " when the mast is in the lowered position; sidelights on the elevated pilot house 6'-7 ³ / ₁₆ " outboard from the centerline of the vessel; Restricted in Ability to Maneuver and Not Under Command lights 1'-6" off centerline starting 27'-8 ³ / ₄ " above the hull and vertically spaced 6'-7"; and stern light at the centerline of the vessel on the rear portion of the pilot house at a height no less than nor exceeding 9'-4" as measured from the main deck.
2023	GENESIS SPIRIT	This certificate authorized the placement of the vessel's sidelights 12'-11" inboard of the side shell on the upper pilot house and 9'-3" inboard of the side shell on the lower pilot house of the vessel; and Restricted in Ability to Maneuver and Not Under Command lights 3'-6" off centerline starting 62'-3 ⁷ / ₁₆ " above the hull and vertically spaced 6'-7".
2023	SIGNET SIRIUS	This certificate authorized the placement of the bottom masthead light 31'-8" above the main deck and 1'-4" forward of amidships with the second and third masthead lights placed directly above and vertically spaced 6'-6.75" between each masthead light; sidelights at a height of 21'-9" above the main deck and 7'-6" outboard from the centerline of the vessel; stern light at a height of 24'-0" above the main deck and 8'-9" abaft of amidships' and Restricted in Ability to Maneuver and Not Under Command lights 3'-3" outboard of the centerline starting 30'-2" above the hull and vertically spaced 6'-6.75".
2023	SIGNET CAPELLA	This certificate authorized the placement of the bottom masthead light 31'-8" above the main deck and 1'-4" forward of amidships with the second and third masthead lights placed directly above and vertically spaced 6'-6.75" between each masthead light; sidelights at a height of 21'-9" above the main deck and 7'-6" outboard from the centerline of the vessel; stern light at a height of 24'-0" above the main deck and 8'-9" abaft of amidships; and the Restricted in Ability to Maneuver and Not Under Command lights 3'-3" outboard of the centerline starting 30'-2" above the hull and vertically spaced 6'-6.75".
2023	EDEN K	This certificate authorized the placement of mast light 40'-3.75" above the main deck and 23'-3" when the mast is in the lowered position and 1'-2" aft of amidships; sidelights on the elevated pilot house 10'-5 ³ / ₄ " outboard from the centerline of the vessel; Restricted in Ability to Maneuver and Not Under Command lights placed 1'-6" off centerline starting 25'-5 ¹ / ₈ " above the hull and vertically spaced 6'-7"; and stern light placed at the centerline of the vessel on the rear portion of the pilot house at a height no less than nor exceeding 23'-3" as measured from the main deck.
2023	GARL L HOLMAN	This certificate authorized the placement of the sidelights on the pilothouse, 7'-11 ¹ / ₂ " outboard from centerline of the vessel.
2023	CELINA CHQUEST	This certificate authorized the placement of the after-masthead light on the main mast above the pilothouse, 21'-9 ¹ / ₁₆ " aft of the forward masthead light.

The Eighth Coast Guard District's Prevention Division, U.S. Coast Guard, certifies that the vessels listed above are of special construction or purpose and are unable 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 vessels. The Eighth Coast Guard District's Prevention Division, U.S. Coast Guard, further finds and certifies that the listed vessels are in the closest possible compliance with the applicable provisions of the 72 COLREGS.⁵

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

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.

Dated: August 21, 2024.

A.H. Moore, Jr.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG-2024-0190]

National Towing Safety Advisory Committee; September 2024 Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of open Federal advisory committee meetings.

SUMMARY: The National Towing Safety Advisory Committee (Committee) will meet in person along with the four subcommittees: The Rulemaking Improvements to Subchapter M Subcommittee, The Statutory Information Requirements Within Accommodations Spaces on Merchant Vessels Subcommittee, The Master Key Control Requirements Aboard Merchant Vessels Subcommittee, and The Maritime Administration (MARAD) Maritime Workforce Group Report on the Maritime Workforce Subcommittee. The Committee and the four Subcommittees will meet in public over two days in Portland, Maine, to review and discuss matters relating to shallow-draft inland navigation, coastal waterway navigation, and towing safety. These meetings will be open to the public.

DATES:

Meetings: National Towing Safety Advisory Committee will be called to order and have four open Subcommittee meetings on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT). The Rulemaking Improvements to Subchapter M Subcommittee will meet from 8:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. (EDT), The Statutory Information Requirements Within Accommodations Spaces on Merchant Vessels Subcommittee will meet from 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. (EDT), The Master Key Control Requirements Aboard Merchant Vessels Subcommittee will meet from 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. (EDT), and The MARAD Maritime Workforce Group Report on the Maritime Workforce Subcommittee will meet from 12:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. (EDT). The full committee will meet on Wednesday, September 25, 2024, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. (EDT). Please note that if a Subcommittee meeting ends early

the next Subcommittee meeting will not start prior to its listed time. If the full Committee has completed its business the meeting may end early.

Comments and supporting documentation: To ensure your comments are received by Committee and Subcommittee members before the meetings, submit your written comments no later than September 11, 2024.

ADDRESSES: These meetings will be held at the AC Hotel Portland Downtown/Waterfront, 158 Fore Street Portland, ME 04101.

Pre-registration Information: Pre-registration is not required to attend the Committee or Subcommittee meetings. Please ensure you arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the five meetings listed, we will provide you with appropriate handouts that the Committee and Subcommittee members have in their possession.

The National Towing Safety Advisory Committee is committed to ensuring all participants have equal access regardless of disability status. If you require reasonable accommodation due to a disability to fully participate, please email Mr. Matthew D. Layman at Matthew.D.Layman@uscg.mil or call at 202-372-1421 as soon as possible.

Instructions: You are free to submit comments at any time, including orally at the meetings, but if you want Committee members or Subcommittee members to review your comment before the meetings, please submit your comments no later than September 11, 2024. We are particularly interested in comments on the topics in the "Agenda" section below. We encourage you to submit comments through Federal Decision Making Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>. To do so, go to <https://www.regulations.gov> type USCG 2024-0190 in the search box and click "Search". Next, look for this document in the Search Results column, and click on it. Then click on the Comment option. If your material cannot be submitted using <https://www.regulations.gov>, call or email the individual in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document for alternate instructions. You must include the docket number USCG-2024-0190. Comments received will be posted without alteration at <https://www.regulations.gov> including any personal information provided. You may wish to review the Privacy and Security Notice, found via link on the homepage of <https://www.regulations.gov>, and DHS's eRulemaking System of Records notice (85 FR 14226, March 11, 2020). If you

encounter technical difficulties with comment submission, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice.

Docket Search: Documents mentioned in this notice as being available in the docket, and all public comments, will be in our online docket at <https://www.regulations.gov>, and can be viewed by following that website's instructions. Additionally, if you go to the online docket and sign-up for email alerts, you will be notified when comments are posted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Matthew D. Layman, Designated Federal Officer of the National Towing Safety Advisory Committee, telephone 202-372-1421, or Matthew.D.Layman@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of these meetings is in compliance with the *Federal Advisory Committee Act*, (Pub. L. 117-286, 5, U.S.C. ch. 10). The National Towing Safety Advisory Committee was authorized by section 601 of the *Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018*, (Pub. L. 115-282, 132 Stat. 4190), and is codified in 46 U.S.C. 15108. The Committee operates under the provisions of the *Federal Advisory Committee Act*, and 46 U.S.C. 15109. The Committee provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Homeland Security through the Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, on matters related to shallow-draft inland navigation, coastal waterway navigation, and towing safety.

Agenda

The agenda for the National Towing Safety Advisory Committee is as follows:

The Committee Meeting Agenda, September 24, 2024

I. Opening

- a. Call to order/Designated Federal Officer Remarks.
- b. Committee Chairperson Remarks.
- c. Committee Adjourn for Subcommittee work.

II. Subcommittee Working Session

- a. Task #22-01, Recommendations to the Coast Guard for Rulemaking Improvements to Subchapter M will meet from 8:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. (EDT);
- b. Task #24-01, Recommendations for Statutory Information Requirements Within Accommodations Spaces on Merchant Vessels will meet from 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. (EDT);
- c. Task #24-02, Recommendations for Master Key Control Requirements