

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Maritime Administration****U.S. Merchant Marine Academy  
Advisory Council; Public Meeting****AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, DOT.**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration (MARAD) announces a meeting of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA) Advisory Council (Council). During the meeting, the USMMA leadership will provide an update on programs and priorities, including governance, sexual assault and sexual harassment prevention, academics, culture and diversity, and facilities and infrastructure.

**DATES:** December 6, 2024, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. EST.

Written statements to be considered during the meeting must be received via email to [USMMAAdvisoryCouncil@dot.gov](mailto:USMMAAdvisoryCouncil@dot.gov) no later than November 29, 2024. Requests for accommodations for a disability must be received via email by November 28, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in-person at USMMA. Meeting location and access information will be posted no later than November 29, 2024, on the Council's website, along with other general information, at [www.maritime.dot.gov/outreach/united-states-merchant-marine-academy-advisory-council](http://www.maritime.dot.gov/outreach/united-states-merchant-marine-academy-advisory-council). Requests to attend the meeting must be received by November 28, 2024, and permission will be based on space available. Requests will be taken as they are received until available spaces are full.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Council's Designated Federal Officer and Point of Contact, Mary Grice, 202-366-4264 or via email to [USMMAAdvisoryCouncil@dot.gov](mailto:USMMAAdvisoryCouncil@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Background**

The Council is established pursuant to 46 U.S.C. 51323. The Council operates in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. ch. 10.

The purpose of the Council is to provide independent advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation (Secretary) on matters relating to the USMMA, including in the areas of curriculum development and training programs; diversity, equity, and inclusion; sexual assault prevention and response; infrastructure maintenance and redevelopment; midshipmen health and welfare; governance and

administrative policies; and other matters.

**Agenda**

The meeting agenda will cover, but is not limited to, the following proposed topics:

1. Welcome and opening remarks.
2. Public comments.
3. Interim Recommendations and Workplan for Final Report.
4. Administrative items.

**Public Participation**

This meeting is open to the public and will be held at the Academy. The U.S. Department of Transportation 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.

Any member of the public is permitted to file a written statement with the Council. Written statements should be sent to the Designated Federal Officer listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section provided above by no later than November 29, 2024.

Only written statements will be considered by the Council; no member of the public will be allowed to present questions or speak during the meeting unless requested to do so by a member of the Council.

(Authorities: 46 U.S.C. 51323; 5 U.S.C. 552b; 5 U.S.C. ch. 10; 41 CFR parts 102-3.140 through 102-3.165)

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-2024-0147]****Coastwise Endorsement Eligibility  
Determination for a Foreign-Built  
Vessel: 31 AND DONE (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 requester's vessel, including a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before December 23, 2024.**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number MARAD-2024-0147 by any one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Search MARAD-2024-0147 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-2024-0147, 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 31 AND DONE is:

*Intended Commercial Use of Vessel:* Requester intends to use for passenger charter fishing and sightseeing tours.

*Geographic Region Including Base of Operations:* Kodiak Island and Woody