

comments should include their names and addresses, identify this document (CGD 1998-3600) and the specific Information Collection Request (ICR) to which each comment applies, and give the reasons for each comment. Please submit all comments and attachments in an unbound format no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. Persons wanting acknowledgment of receipt of comments should enclose stamped, self-addressed postcards or envelopes.

#### Information Collection Requests

1. *Title:* Vessel Documentation.  
*OMB Control Number:* 2115-0110.

*Summary:* The information collected will be used to establish the eligibility of a vessel to: (a) be documented as a "vessel of the United States," (b) engage in a particular trade, and/or (c) become the object of a preferred ship's mortgage. The information collected concerns citizenship of owner/applicant and build, tonnage and markings of a vessel.  
*Need:* 46 U.S.C. Chapters 121, 123, 125 and 313 requires the documentation of vessels. A Certificate of Documentation is required for the operation of a vessel in certain trades, serves as evidence of vessel nationality and permits a vessel to be subject to preferred mortgages.

*Respondents:* Owners/builders of yachts and commercial vessels at least 5 net tons.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Burden Estimates:* The estimated burden is 50,092 hours.

2. *Title:* Alternate Compliance—International/Inland Navigation Rules.  
*OMB Control Number:* 2115-0073.

*Summary:* The information collected provides an opportunity for those with unique vessels to present their reasons why the vessel cannot comply with existing regulations and how alternate compliance can be achieved.

*Need:* Certain vessels cannot comply with the International Regulations (33 U.S.C. 1601) and Inland Navigation Rules (33 U.S.C. 2001). the Coast Guard thus provides an opportunity for alternate compliance. However, it is not possible to determine whether alternate compliance is appropriate or what kind of alternative procedures might be necessary without this collection.

*Respondents:* Vessel owners, operators, builders and agents.

*Frequency:* One-time application.

*Burden Estimate:* The estimated burden is 135 hours annually.

3. *Title:* Inflatable Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) for Recreational Vessels.  
*OMB Control Number:* 2115-0619.

*Summary:* The information collected concerns the labeling and preparation of

manuals for inflatable PFDs. In keeping with this requirement the Coast Guard has established a system for approval of PFDs for use on such vessels? To facilitate the approval and inspection process, the Coast Guard requires that manufacturers label their devices and publish users manuals to help the end user.

*Need:* Title 46 U.S.C. 4302(a) prescribes regulations to: (a) establish minimum safety standards for recreational vessels, (b) require the installation and carrying or use of associated equipment and require or permit the display of seals, labels, plates, insignia or other devices for certifying or evidencing compliance with safety regulations. The labels are important for a number of reasons. First, they are essential to the user; they indicate the chest size of the PFD and also display printed and pictographic instructions for proper use and care of the PFD. Secondly, because they include a specific product number and the manufacturer's name they are central to the Coast Guard's mission of identifying faulty equipment and then notifying the responsible producer. The manuals also serve a dual purpose. On the one hand they give the user information they will need to properly use and maintain the device, and on the other they keep the Coast Guard informed as to the specifications and design of new PFDs.

*Respondents:* PFD manufacturers.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Burden Estimate:* The estimated burden is 503.33 hours annually.

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**S.A. Richardson,**

*Acting Director, Information and Technology,  
U.S. Coast Guard.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

##### Coast Guard

[USCG-1998-3634]

##### Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee; Vacancies

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Request for applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard is seeking applications for appointment to membership on the Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC). CTAC provides advice and makes recommendations to the Coast Guard on matters relating to the safe transportation and handling of hazardous materials in bulk on U.S. flag

vessels and barges in U.S. ports and waterways.

**DATES:** Applications and any supporting information must be received on or before May 29, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Application forms may be obtained from the Internet through this docket (USCG-1998- ) at <http://dms.dot.gov>, or by writing Commandant (G-MSO-3), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001; by calling (202) 267-1217/0081; or by faxing (202) 267-4570. Completed application forms must be submitted to the same address by mail. This notice is available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions on this notice, contact Commander Kevin S. Cook, Executive Director of CTAC, or Ms. Sara S. Ju, Assistant to the Executive Director, telephone (202) 267-1217/0081, fax (202) 267-4570. For questions on the docket, contact Carol Kelly, Coast Guard Dockets team leader, or Paulette Twine, Chief, Documentary Services Division, U.S. Department of Transportation, 202-366-9329.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) is a Federal advisory committee constituted under 5 U.S.C. App. 2. It provides advice and makes recommendations to the Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety and Environmental Protection on matters relating to the safe transportation and handling of hazardous materials in bulk on U.S. flag vessels and barges in U.S. ports and waterways. The advice and recommendations of CTAC also assist the U.S. Coast Guard in formulating the United States' position on hazardous material transportation issues prior to meetings of the International Maritime Organization.

CTAC meets at least once a year at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, DC. It may also meet more often than once a year for extraordinary purposes. CTAC's subcommittees and working groups may meet during the year to consider specific problems as required.

The Coast Guard will consider applications for eight positions that expire or become vacant in July 1998. To be eligible, applicants should have experience in chemical manufacturing, marine transportation of chemicals, occupational safety and health, or environmental protection issues associated with chemical transportation. Each member serves for a term of 3 years and is eligible to be re-appointed to a second term of office. However, not more than 50 percent of the members

with expiring terms may be re-appointed. All members serve at their own expense, and receive no salary, reimbursement of travel expenses, or other compensation from the Federal Government.

In support of the Department of Transportation's policy on ethnic and gender diversity, the Coast Guard is especially seeking applications from qualified women and minority group members.

Applicants may be required to complete an Executive Branch Confidential Financial Disclosure Report (SF 450).

Dated: March 12, 1998.

**Joseph J. Angelo,**

*Director of Standards, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

[USCG-1998-3635]

#### National Boating Safety Advisory Council

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The National Boating Safety Advisory Council (NBSAC) and its subcommittees on boat occupant protection, navigation lights, and personal flotation device-life saving index will meet to discuss various issues relating to recreational boating safety. All meetings will be open to the public.

**DATES:** NBSAC will meet on Monday and Tuesday, April 27 and 28, 1998, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Personal Flotation Device-Life Saving Index and Navigation Light Subcommittees will meet on Saturday, April 25, 1998, from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. The Boat Occupant Protection Subcommittee will meet on Sunday, April 26, 1998, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard on or before April 15, 1998. Requests to have a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee or subcommittees should reach the Coast Guard on or before April 10, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** NBSAC will meet at the Adam's Mark Hotel-Tulsa, 100 East 2nd Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma. The subcommittee meetings will be held at the same address. Send written material and requests to make oral presentations to Mr. Albert J. Marmo, Commandant

(G-OPB-1), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions on this notice, contact Albert J. Marmo, Executive Director of NBSAC, telephone 202-267-0950, fax 202-267-4285. For questions on this docket, contact Carol Kelly, Coast Guard Dockets Team Leader, or Paulette Twine, Chief, Documentary Services Division, U.S. Department of Transportation, 202-366-9329. You may obtain a copy of this notice by calling the U.S. Coast Guard Infoline at 1-800-368-5647, or read it on the Internet, at the Web Site for the Office of Boating Safety at URL address [www.uscgboating.org](http://www.uscgboating.org) or at the Web Site for the Documentary Services Division at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of these meetings is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

#### Agendas of Meetings

##### National Boating Safety Advisory Council (NBSAC)

The agenda includes the following:

- (1) Executive Director's report.
- (2) Chairman's session.
- (3) Personal Flotation Device-Life Saving Index Subcommittee report.
- (4) Navigation Light subcommittee report.
- (5) Boat Occupant Protection Subcommittee report.
- (6) Recreational Boating Safety Program report.
- (7) NBSAC recreational boating safety Federal regulations review status report.
- (8) Status report regarding Federal Register requests for comments on Federal requirements for wearing personal flotation devices and education in recreational boating safety.
- (9) Industry presentation on inflatable personal flotation device approval.
- (10) Waterborne risk management assessment and overview.
- (11) Recreational boating safety outreach update and discussion.
- (12) Hull Identification Number rulemaking update.
- (13) Presentation on Department of Transportation waterway transportation management initiative.

##### Boat Occupant Protection Subcommittee

The agenda includes the following:

- (1) Review and discuss boat occupant protection research study results and issues.
- (2) Discuss risk avoidance alternatives.
- (3) Discuss horsepower, weight and persons capacity standards.

(4) Discuss proposals regarding requirements to wear a helmet on personal watercraft (PWC), and for installation of a shroud on PWC extending from the engine cowling.

#### Navigation Light Subcommittee

The agenda includes the following:

- (1) Review and discuss status of rulemaking to place navigation lights under regulatory control.
- (2) Discuss a study to improve the visibility and display of navigation lights focusing on hardware issues.
- (3) Review any new standards which address design, construction, and installation of navigation lights applicable to recreational boats.

#### Personal Flotation Device-Life Saving Index Subcommittee

The agenda includes the following:

- (1) Discuss issues associated with the development of a consensus standard for application of the life saving index to various types of personal flotation devices.
- (2) Discuss personal flotation device (PFD) conspicuity issues.
- (3) Discuss the status of inflatable PFD inflation systems, and approval of automatic inflating PFDs.

#### Procedural

All meetings are open to the public. At the Chair's discretion, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meetings. If you would like to make an oral presentation at a meeting, please notify the Executive Director no later than April 15, 1998. Written material for distribution at a meeting should reach the Coast Guard no later than April 15, 1998. If you would like a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee or subcommittees in advance of a meeting, please submit 25 copies to the Executive Director no later than April 10, 1998.

#### Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meetings, contact the Executive Director as soon as possible.

Dated: March 16, 1998.

**Ernest R. Riutta,**

*Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Assistant Commandant for Operations.*

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