In addition to the more formal National TPM Implementation Review, FHWA will conduct yearly informal voluntary TPM State-of-Practice questionnaires related to TPM policy and guidance, technical assistance, and capacity needs. These voluntary information collection actions will occur 1 to 2 times per year. The information will be collected from state, metropolitan, regional, local, and/or tribal transportation agencies via internet-based questionnaires or web applications and used to help FHWA:

- Strategically plan to meet ever growing demand for TPM technical assistance needs;
- Develop and refine TPM policy and guidance based on stakeholder feedback;
- Channel resources to meet capacity development and training needs; and
- Identify and prioritize TPM research needs.

Lastly, as part of FHWA’s ongoing technical assistance efforts, a TPM Toolbox is being created to help FHWA’s partners self-assess and benchmark their TPM implementation progress, capabilities, and gaps. The TPM Toolbox also helps FHWA streamline the integration and administration of all the efforts described above. To maximize the effectiveness and efficiency of the TPM Toolbox, FHWA will collect business contact and organizational demographic (size of organization, location, etc.) information along with the responses submitted as part of the TPM Toolbox’s self-assessment applications.

Respondents: The 975 respondents estimate is based on soliciting input from all 52 state transportation agencies, 409 MPOS, and a sampling of transit agencies, RPOs, and other transportation entities.

Frequency: Each State, MPO, RPO, and a sampling of transit agencies will be solicited to provide information up to 4 times per year. This is dependent on whether information is being collected on the National Transportation Performance Management Implementation Review and the frequency of state-of-practice questionnaires.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: Up to 2 hours per response or 8 hours per year for all responses (4 questionnaires per year times up to 2 hours per questionnaire).

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: The total annual burden for all respondents is estimated to be 7,800 burden hours per year (8 burden hours per respondent times 975 respondents). The annual number of burden hours (professional and clerical staff) per respondent to answer questions on the current state of the practice, data, methods, and systems used by state, metropolitan, regional, local, and/or tribal transportation entities to support their required TPM processes is estimated to be up to 8 (4 questionnaires per year times up to 2 hours per questionnaire). This annual burden per respondent consists of the staff time of each respondent. The burden was determined as follows:

Professional Staff Time:
- 1.5 hour/respondent × 975 respondents × 4 questionnaires per year = 5850 hours

Clerical staff time:
- 0.5 hours/respondent × 975 respondents × 4 questionnaires per year = 1,950 hours

The total annual associated salary cost to respondents is estimated to be $257,400 based on an average salary of $38 per hour (approximately $79,000 per year) for professional staff and $18 per hour (approximately $37,000 year) for clerical staff.

Professional staff cost for preparation of work programs:
- 5,850 hours × $38 per hour = $222,300

Clerical staff time:
- 1,950 hours × $18 per hour = $35,100

Total annual costs:
- Subtotal Direct Salaries $257,400
- Overhead/fringe benefits at 33%: $84,942
- Total annual respondent cost: $342,342

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the U.S. DOT’s performance, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the U.S. DOT’s estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (3) ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized, including the use of electronic technology, without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB’s clearance of this information collection.


Issued On: June 15, 2015.

Michael Howell, Information Collection Officer.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD–2015–0076]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel VELA ANDATO; Invitation for Public Comments

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As authorized by 46 U.S.C. 12121, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below.

DATES: Submit comments on or before July 23, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD–2015–0076. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M–30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at http://www.regulations.gov. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available on the World Wide Web at http://www.regulations.gov.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel VELA ANDATO is:
Intended Commercial Use of Vessel: “2, 4, 8 Hour Sails to include sunset Sails”

Geographic Region: “Florida”

The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD–2015–0076 at http://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 issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels in that business, a waiver will not be granted. Comments should refer to the docket number of this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to properly consider the comments. Comments should also state the commenter’s interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in § 388.4 of MARAD’s regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

Privacy Act

Anyone is able to 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.). You may review DOT’s complete Privacy Act Statement in the Federal Register published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477–78).

For Further Information Contact:


Supplementary Information: As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel FORCE is:

Intended Commercial Use of Vessel: “Carry passengers for pleasure, day and possible overnight charter.”

Geographic Region: “Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Florida”

The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD–2015–0080 at http://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 issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels in that business, a waiver will not be granted. Comments should refer to the docket number of this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to properly consider the comments. Comments should also state the commenter’s interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in § 388.4 of MARAD’s regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

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By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: June 15, 2015.

Thomas M. Hudson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

 Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD–2015–0078]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel PARADIGM SHIFT; Invitation for Public Comments

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As authorized by 46 U.S.C. 12121, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below.

DATES: Submit comments on or before July 23, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD–2015–0080. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M–30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at http://www.regulations.gov.

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Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD–2015–0078]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel PARADIGM SHIFT; Invitation for Public Comments

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As authorized by 46 U.S.C. 12121, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below.

DATES: Submit comments on or before July 23, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD–2015–0078. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M–30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at http://www.regulations.gov.

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