Addressess: To join the teleconference or to request special accommodations, contact the individual listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section no later than Wednesday, April 4, 2018.

Instructions: You are free to submit comments at any time, including orally at the teleconference, but if you want Committee members to review your comment before the meeting, please submit your comments no later than April 4, 2018. We are particularly interested in comments on the issues in the “Agenda” section below. You must include “Department of Homeland Security” and the docket number USCG–2018–0186. Comments received will be posted without alteration at http://www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided. For more information about privacy and docket, review Privacy and Security Notice for the Federal Docket Management System at http://www.regulations.gov/privacyNotice. Written comments may also be submitted using the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal at http://www.regulations.gov. If you encounter technical difficulties with comment submission, contact the individual listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section of this notice.

Docket Search: For access to the docket or to read documents or comments related to this notice, go to http://www.regulations.gov, and use “USCG–2018–0186” in the “Search” box, press Enter, and then click on the item you wish to view.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Todd Haviland, 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20593, Stop 7509, Washington, DC 20593–7501. telephone 202–372–2037 or email Todd.A.Haviland@uscg.mil.

Supplementary Information: Notice of this meeting is in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Title 5, U.S.C. Appendix). The Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory Committee is established under the authority of 46 U.S.C. 3007, and makes recommendations to the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Coast Guard on matters relating to Great Lakes pilotage, including review of proposed Great Lakes pilotage regulations and policies.

Agenda of Meeting

(1) Introduction.
(2) Roll call of Committee members and determination of a quorum.
(3) Regulations Reform Subcommittee Report, and makes recommendations to the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Coast Guard on matters relating to Great Lakes pilotage, including review of proposed Great Lakes pilotage regulations and policies.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG–2010–0316]

National Boating Safety Advisory Council; Vacancies

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

ACTION: Request for applications.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Coast Guard seeks applications for membership on the National Boating Safety Advisory Council. This Council advises the Coast Guard on recreational boating safety regulations and other major boating safety matters.

DATES: Completed applications should reach the U.S. Coast Guard on or before May 21, 2018.

Addressess: Applicants should send a cover letter expressing interest in an appointment to the National Boating Safety Advisory Council and a resume detailing the applicant’s boating experience. We will not accept a biography. Incomplete applications will not be considered. The cover letter and/ or resume should include the following:

• Membership category the applicant is seeking an appointment for;
• Home address, phone number and email address;
• Employer name and address (if applicable); and
• Work phone number and email address (if applicable).

Applications should be submitted via one of the following methods:

• By email: NBSAC@uscg.mil (preferred).
• By mail: Commandant (CG–BSX–2), Attn: NBSAC ADFO, U.S. Coast Guard Stop 7501, 2703 Martin Luther King Ave. SE, Washington, DC 20593–7501.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jeff Ludwig, Alternate Designated Federal Officer of the National Boating Safety Advisory Council; telephone 202–372–1061 or email at NBSAC@uscg.mil.

Supplementary Information: The National Boating Safety Advisory Council is a Federal advisory committee which operates under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, (Title 5 U.S.C., Appendix). It was established under the authority of 46 United States Code 13110 and advises the U.S. Coast Guard on boating safety regulations and other major boating safety matters. The Council usually meets at least twice each year at a location selected by the U.S. Coast Guard. It may also meet for extraordinary purposes. Subcommittees or working groups may also meet to consider specific issues.

Each member serves for a term of three years. Members may be considered to serve a maximum of two consecutive full terms. All members serve at their own expense and receive no salary, or other compensation from the Federal Government. The exception to this policy is when attending National Boating Safety Advisory Council meetings; members may be reimbursed for travel expenses and provided per diem in accordance with Federal Travel Regulations.

We will consider applications for the following seven positions that will be vacant on January 1, 2019:

• Two representatives of State officials responsible for State boating safety programs;
• Two representatives of recreational boat and associated equipment manufacturers; and
• Three representatives of national recreational boating organizations or the general public.

If you are selected as a member from the general public, you will be appointed and serve as a Special Government Employee as defined in section 202(a) of Title 18, United States Code.
Code. Applicants for appointment as a Special Government Employee are required to complete a Confidential Financial Disclosure Report (OGE Form 450). The U.S. Coast Guard may not release the reports or the information in them to the public except under an order issued by a Federal court or as otherwise provided under the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a). Only the Designated U.S. Coast Guard Ethics Official or his or her designee may release a Confidential Financial Disclosure Report. Applicants can obtain this form by going to the website of the Office of Government Ethics (www.oge.gov) or by contacting the individual listed above in the ADDRESS section by the deadline in the DATES section of this notice. All email submittals will receive email receipt confirmation.

Dated: March 9, 2018.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
Coast Guard
[Docket No. USCG–2018–0107]

Certificate of Alternative Compliance for the NOAA Research Vessel FERDINAND R. HASSELL

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notification of issuance of a certificate of alternative compliance.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard announces that the U.S. Coast Guard First District Prevention Department has issued a certificate of alternative compliance from the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (72 COLREGS), for the NOAA Research Vessel FERDINAND R. HASSELL, ON 9478559. We are issuing this notice because its publication is required by statute. Due to the construction and placement of the vessel’s side lights, NOAA Research Vessel FERDINAND R. HASSELL cannot fully comply with the light, shape, or sound signal provisions of the 72 COLREGS without interfering with the vessel’s design and construction. This notification of issuance of a certificate of alternative compliance promotes the Coast Guard’s marine safety mission.

DATES: The Certificate of Alternative Compliance was issued on March 5, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information or questions about this notice call or email Mr. Kevin Miller, First District Towing Vessel/Barge Safety Specialist, U.S. Coast Guard; telephone (617) 223–8272, email Kevin.L.Miller2@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 and Coast Guard regulation, the vessel’s owner, builder, operator, or agent of those vessels may apply for a certificate of alternative compliance (COAC). For vessels of special construction, the cognizant Coast Guard District Office determines whether the vessel for which the COAC is sought complies as closely as possible with the 72 COLREGS, and decides whether to issue the COAC which must specify the required alternative installation. If the Coast Guard issues a COAC, under the governing statute and regulations, the Coast Guard must publish notice of this action. Once issued, a COAC remains valid until information supplied in the COAC application or the COAC terms become inapplicable to the vessel.

The First District Prevention Department, U.S. Coast Guard, certifies that the NOAA Research Vessel FERDINAND R. HASSELL, ON 9478559 is a vessel of special construction or purpose, and that, with respect to the position of the vessels side light, it is not possible 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 vessel. The First District Prevention Department further finds and certifies that the vessel’s sidelights, located in a position 15’3” forward of frame 14 and 5’3” below the top of the bridge/02 Deck mounted to the bridge wing, are in the closet possible compliance with the applicable provisions of the 72 COLREGS.

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