

ADDRESSES: 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 20593–7581; 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. 9307, 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.
- (4) Discussion of Regulatory Reform Task #01–17—Input to Support

Regulatory Reform of U.S. Coast Guard Regulations—Executive Orders 13771 and 13783.

(5) Public Comment period.

(6) Formulate recommendation regarding Task #01–17.

A copy of all meeting documentation will be available at <http://www.dco.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Assistant-Commandant-for-Prevention-Policy-CG-5P/Marine-Transportation-Systems-CG-5PW/Office-of-Waterways-and-Ocean-Policy/Office-of-Waterways-and-Ocean-Policy-Great-Lakes-Pilotage-Div/> by April 4, 2018. Alternatively, you may contact Mr. Todd Haviland as noted in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section above.

There will be a public comment period during the meeting. Speakers are requested to limit their comments to 3 minutes and keep their remarks to the topic of the Regulation Reform. Please note that the public comment period may end before the period allotted, following the last call for comments. Contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section above to register as a speaker.

Dated: March, 9 2018.

Michael D. Emerson,

Director, Marine Transportation Systems.

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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.

ADDRESSES: 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 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. 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 **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Applications for a member drawn from the general public must be accompanied by a completed OGE Form 450.

Registered lobbyists are not eligible to serve on federal advisory committees in an individual capacity. See "Revised Guidance on Appointment of Lobbyists to Federal Advisory Committees, Boards and Commissions" (79 FR 47482, August 13, 2014). The position we list for a member from the general public would be someone appointed in their capacity and would be designated as a Special Government Employee as defined in section 202(a) of Title 18, U.S.C. Registered lobbyists are lobbyist as defined in 2 U.S.C. 1602 who are required by 2 U.S.C 1603 to register with the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House Representative.

Applicants are considered for membership on the basis of their particular expertise, knowledge, and experience in recreational boating safety. In addition to recreational boating safety experience, the U.S. Coast Guard is particularly interested in applicants who also have experience developing and implementing national media outreach campaigns designed to influence the decision-making of targeted audiences. The vacancies announced in this notice apply to membership positions that become vacant on January 1, 2019.

Appointments for the 2017 and 2018 vacancies remain pending. Individuals who have applied for National Boating Safety Advisory Council membership in any prior years are asked to re-submit a complete application if the individual wishes to apply for any of the vacancies announced in this notice.

To be eligible, applicants should have experience in one of the categories listed in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

The Department of Homeland Security does not discriminate in selection of Council members on the basis of race, color, religion, sex,

national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, disability and genetic information, age, membership in an employee organization, or other non-merit factor. The Department of Homeland Security strives to achieve a widely diverse candidate pool for all of its recruitment actions.

If you are interested in applying to become a member of the Council, send your cover letter and resume to Mr. Jeff Ludwig, Alternate Designated Federal Officer of the National Boating Safety Advisory Council via one of the transmittal methods in the **ADDRESSES** 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. HASSLER

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. HASSLER, 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. HASSLER 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 law¹ and Coast Guard regulation,² the vessel's owner, builder, operator, or agent of those vessels may apply for a certificate of alternative compliance (COAC).³ 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 statute⁴ and regulations,⁵ 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. HASSLER, 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.⁶

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

¹ 33 U.S.C. 1605(c).

² 33 CFR 81.3.

³ 33 CFR 81.5.

⁴ 33 U.S.C. 1605(c).

⁵ 33 CFR 81.18.

⁶ 33 U.S.C. 1605(a); 33 CFR 81.9.