

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Maritime Administration****[Docket No. MARAD-2018-0081]****Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel THE PHANTOM GINGER; 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 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 June 25, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2018-0081. 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 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Bianca Carr, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W23-453, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-9309, Email [Bianca.carr@dot.gov](mailto:Bianca.carr@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel THE PHANTOM GINGER is:

—*Intended Commercial Use of Vessel:* “We intend to use this vessel with our Killer Shrimp brunch, lunch, and dinner cruises for 6 passengers and as a option bareboat charter available for coastal cruises around the Santa Monica Bay, to Malibu, and to Catalina Island.”

—*Geographic Region:* “California”

The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD-2018-0081 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 section 388.4 of MARAD’s regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

**Privacy Act**

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT/MARAD solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT/MARAD posts these comments, without edit, to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), as described in the system of records notice, DOT/ALL-14 FDMS, accessible through [www.dot.gov/privacy](http://www.dot.gov/privacy). In order to facilitate comment tracking and response, we encourage commenters to provide their name, or the name of their organization; however, submission of names is completely optional. Whether or not commenters identify themselves, all timely comments will be fully considered. If you wish to provide comments containing proprietary or confidential information, please contact the agency for alternate submission instructions.

(Authority: 49 CFR 1.93(a), 46 U.S.C. § 55103, 46 U.S.C. § 12121)

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By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: May 22, 2018.

**T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,**  
*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Maritime Administration****Meeting Notice—U.S. Maritime Transportation System National Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Notice of advisory committee public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Maritime Administration (MARAD) announces a public meeting

of the U.S. Maritime Transportation System National Advisory Committee (MTSNAC) to discuss advice and recommendations for the U.S. Department of Transportation on issues related to the marine transportation system.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Monday, June 11, 2018 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Tuesday, June 12, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT).

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, National Training Center, 1310 N Courthouse Road, Suite 600, Arlington, VA 22201-2508.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeffrey Flumignan, Designated Federal Officer, at [MTSNAC@dot.gov](mailto:MTSNAC@dot.gov) or at (212) 668-2064. Please visit the MTSNAC website at <http://www.marad.dot.gov/ports/marine-transportation-system-mts/marine-transportation-system-national-advisory-committee-mtsnac/>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The MTSNAC is a Federal advisory committee that advises the U.S. Secretary of Transportation and the Maritime Administrator on issues related to the marine transportation system. The MTSNAC was originally established in 1999 and mandated in 2007 by the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007. The MTSNAC operates in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA).

**Agenda**

The agenda will include: (1) Welcome, opening remarks, and introductions; (2) brief remarks by the Maritime Administrator or Deputy Maritime Administrator; (3) updates to the Committee on subcommittee work; (4) development of work plans and proposed recommendations; (5) administrative items; and (6) public comments.

**Meeting Participation**

The meeting will be open to the public. Members of the public who wish to attend in person must RSVP to [MTSNAC@dot.gov](mailto:MTSNAC@dot.gov) with your name and affiliation no later than 5:00 p.m. EST on May 25, 2018, in order to facilitate entry. Seating will be limited and available on a first-come-first-serve basis.

*Services for Individuals with Disabilities:* The public meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals requiring accommodations, such as sign language interpretation or other ancillary aids are