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

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD–2026–1262]

Request for Comments on the Renewal of a Previously Approved Information Collection: Mariner Survey Pretest

AGENCY: Maritime Administration (MARAD), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: MARAD invites public comments on its intention to request Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed collection OMB 2133–0555 titled “Mariner Survey Pretest” is being renamed “Mariner Survey” to reflect the transition from a pretest survey to a full voluntary survey of merchant mariners. Collected information will be used to determine the number of qualified mariners who are available and willing to serve during a period of national need. Since the implementation of this survey, the total respondents, responses, and burden hours increased from 690, 690, and 247 hours to 5,162, 5,162, and 1,721 hours respectively. Additionally, there were minor changes to clarify some of the survey questions, while the Cognitive Interview instrument was eliminated. MARAD is required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Mariner Survey.

OMB Control Number: 2133–0555.

Type of Request: Revision of a previously approved collection.

Abstract: The Mariner Survey is a voluntary survey of appropriately credentialed U.S. merchant mariners and will be used to estimate the number

of qualified merchant mariners who are willing to serve on short notice during a period of war, armed conflict, national emergency, or maritime mobilization need (national need). The survey results will be used to assess the maritime workforce’s capacity to support both sealift operations and maritime commerce during surge operations. Pursuant to 46 United States Code (U.S.C.) 50102(a), MARAD will conduct this survey to assess the merchant marine. The survey will be conducted biennially to monitor changes in the mariner workforce’s availability and willingness to sail.

Respondents: Sample of credentialed U.S. merchant mariners.

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,162.

Estimated Number of Responses: 5,162.

Estimated Hours per Response: 20 minutes (0.3333 hours).

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,721.

Frequency of Response: Biennially.

A 60-day **Federal Register** Notice soliciting comments on this information collection was published on June 3, 2026 (FR 33290, Vol. 91, No. 106). No comments were received.

(Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.49.)

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD–2026–1222]

Request Notice: Use of Foreign-Built Small Passenger Vessel in United States Coastwise Trade, M/V RIVER TALES

AGENCY: Maritime Administration (MARAD), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Transportation, as represented by MARAD, is authorized to make determinations regarding the coastwise use of foreign built; certain U.S. built; and U.S. and foreign rebuilt vessels that solely carry no more than twelve passengers for hire. MARAD has