

determines that in accordance with Pub. L. 105-383 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR Part 388 (65 FR 6905; February 11, 2000) 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, a waiver will not be granted.

DATES: Submit comments on or before May 16, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2001-9389. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, Department of Transportation, 400 7th St., SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit/>. 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://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathleen Dunn, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, MAR-832 Room 7201, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-2307.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title V of Pub. L. 105-383 provides authority to the Secretary of Transportation to administratively waive the U.S.-build requirements of the Jones Act, and other statutes, for small commercial passenger vessels (no more than 12 passengers). This authority has been delegated to the Maritime Administration per 49 CFR § 1.66, Delegations to the Maritime Administrator, as amended. By this notice, MARAD is publishing information on a vessel for which a request for a U.S.-build waiver has been received, and for which MARAD requests comments from interested parties. 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.

Vessel Proposed for Waiver of the U.S.-Build Requirement

(1) Name of vessel and owner for which waiver is requested. Name of vessel: TAKARBUNE. Owner: Ronald M. Boettcher.

(2) Size, capacity and tonnage of vessel. According to the applicant:

"Size—Length 38.5' Breadth—11.4' Depth—6.1' Capacity—To carry 12 or fewer passengers Tonnage—Gross 13 Net 12".

(3) Intended use for vessel, including geographic region of intended operation and trade. According to the applicant: "The intended use of the vessel is to carry under 6 passengers for half day trips and extended destination trips." "The vessel will be used along New York, Long Island Sound to Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket Sound the bodies of water in-between Block Island Sound and Narragansett Bay."

(4) Date and Place of construction and (if applicable) rebuilding. Date of construction: 1982. Place of construction: Rossett, United Kingdom.

(5) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on other commercial passenger vessel operators. According to the applicant: "To the best of my knowledge there will be no adverse effect on other commercial passenger vessel operators in the area. I am not aware of any commercial passenger vessel operators doing the type of trips I plan to make. To my knowledge no one is doing destination trips at the request of the client."

(6) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on U.S. shipyards. According to the applicant: "To the best of my knowledge the possible impact that my operation will have on U.S. Shipyards is the repair business for my vessel as a result of the approval of this waiver."

Dated: April 10, 2001.

By order of the Maritime Administrator.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket Number: MARAD-2001-9394]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Invitation for public comments on a requested administrative waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws for the vessel TWO-CAN.

SUMMARY: As authorized by Pub. L. 105-383, 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 description of the proposed service, is listed below. 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 that in accordance with Pub. L. 105-383 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388 (65 FR 6905; February 11, 2000) 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, a waiver will not be granted.

DATES: Submit comments on or before May 16, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2001-9394. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, Department of Transportation, 400 7th St., SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit/>. 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://dms.dot.gov>.

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MARAD'S regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

Vessel Proposed for Waiver of the U.S.-Build Requirement

(1) Name of vessel and owner for which waiver is requested.

Name of vessel: Two-Can. *Owner:* Monroe & Jones, Inc.

(2) Size, capacity and tonnage of vessel. *According to the applicant:* " * * * registered length of 87.5 feet and a gross tonnage of 151 tons as measured by Bureau Veritas * * *."

(3) Intended use for vessel, including geographic region of intended operation and trade. *According to the applicant:* "The vessel will be used in fishing operations and coastwise trade in the US coastal waters of the contiguous 48 states."

(4) Date and Place of construction and (if applicable) rebuilding. *Date of construction:* 1968. *Place of construction:* Urk, Netherlands.

(5) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on other commercial passenger vessel operators. *According to the applicant:* "There is no impact on the commercial passenger operations since the size and draft (10.2 feet) of the vessel preclude operations in shallow waters where the bulk of the existing operations are conducted."

(6) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on U.S. shipyards. *According to the applicant:* "The impact on U.S. Shipyards will be a positive one, as repairs and maintenance will be performed by U.S. shipyards in Jacksonville, FL or Fairhaven, MA."

Dated: April 10, 2001.

By order of the Maritime Administrator.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

Proposed Extension of Information Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The OCC, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on a continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Currently, the

OCC is soliciting comment concerning its extension of an information collection titled, "Examination Questionnaire."

DATES: You should submit written comments by June 15, 2001.

ADDRESSES:

You should direct all written comments to the Communications Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Public Information Room, Mailstop 1-5, Attention: 1557-0199, 250 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20219. In addition, you may send comments by facsimile transmission to (202)874-4448, or by electronic mail to regs.comments@occ.treas.gov. You can inspect and photocopy the comments at the OCC's Public Reference Room, 250 E Street, SW., Washington, DC. You can make an appointment to inspect the comments by calling (202) 874-5043.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

You can request additional information or a copy of the collection from Jessie Dunaway or Camille Dixon, (202)874-5090, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20219.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The OCC is proposing to extend OMB approval of the following information collection:

Title: Examination Questionnaire.

OMB Number: 1557-0199.

Description: This notice covers an extension of a currently approved collection of information titled Examination Questionnaire. Completed Examination Questionnaires provide the OCC with information needed to properly evaluate the effectiveness of the examination process and agency communications. The OCC will use the information to identify problems or trends that may impair the effectiveness of the examination process, to identify ways to improve its service to the banking industry, and to analyze staff and training needs.

There are two versions of the questionnaire—one for community and mid-sized banks and one for large banks. Community and mid-sized banks will receive the questionnaire as part of each safety and soundness examination or other examination-related activity. Large banks will be invited to provide comments annually.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 2,600.

Total Annual Responses: 3,900.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 650 burden hours.

Type of Review: Extension of OMB approval.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection unless the information collection displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on:

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

(d) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and

(e) Estimates of capital or startup costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Dated: April 10, 2001.

Mark J. Tenhundfeld,

Assistant Director, Legislative & Regulatory Activities Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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Proposed Information Collection Activity; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments for information