

Need: This information ensures that vessels and facilities are prepared to respond in event of oil spills. The Coast Guard will review the Plans and measures to assess their effectiveness.

Respondents: Owners and operators of vessels and facilities.

Frequency: On occasion.

Burden: The estimated burden is 137,199 hours a year.

4. **Title:** Certificate of Discharge to Merchant Mariners.

OMB Control Number: 1625-0012.

Summary: The information collected requires a master or mate of a shipping company to submit information on merchant mariners to the Coast Guard that: (1) Establishes their sea-service time; (2) sets forth their qualifications for their original, or for upgrading their existing, merchant-mariner credentials; and (3) sets forth their qualifications for retirement or insurance benefits.

Need: Under 46 U.S.C. 10311, the information collected shows eligibility for merchant mariners' documents and tells the Maritime Administration the availability of mariners in a time of national emergency.

Respondents: Masters or mates of shipping companies and merchant mariners.

Frequency: On occasion.

Burden: The estimated burden is 4,500 hours a year.

Dated: May 19, 2003.

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Acting, Director of Information and Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[USCG-2003-15188]

Towing Safety Advisory Committee; Vacancies

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Request for applications.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard seeks applications for membership on the Towing Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC). TSAC provides advice and makes recommendations to the Secretary on matters relating to shallow-draft inland and coastal waterway navigation and towing safety.

DATES: Application forms should reach us on or before July 18, 2003.

ADDRESSES: You may request an application form by writing to TSAC Application; Commandant (G-MSO-1),

Room 1210; U.S. Coast Guard; 2100 Second Street SW.; Washington, DC 20593-0001; by calling 202-267-0214; or by faxing 202-267-4570. Send your original completed and signed application in written form to the above street address. This notice and the application are available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov> and the application form is also available at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/advisory/index.htm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Gerald Miente; Assistant Executive Director of TSAC, telephone 202-267-0214, fax 202-267-4570, or e-mail gmiente@comdt.uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Towing Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC) is a Federal advisory committee under 5 U.S.C. App. 2. It advises the Secretary on matters relating to shallow-draft inland and coastal waterway navigation and towing safety. This advice also assists the Coast Guard in formulating the position of the United States in advance of meetings of the International Maritime Organization.

TSAC meets at least once a year at Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, DC, or another location selected by the Coast Guard. It may also meet for extraordinary purposes. Its working groups may meet to consider specific problems as required. We will consider applications for five positions that expire or become vacant in September 2003 as follows: two members from the barge and towing industry, reflecting a geographical balance; one member from the offshore mineral and oil supply vessel industry; one member from a shipping company (who, together with one other shipping member, at least one shall be engaged in the shipment of oil or hazardous materials by barge); and one member from the general public. To be eligible, applicants should have particular expertise, knowledge, and experience relative to the position, or general public interest, in towing operations, marine transportation, occupational safety and health, environmental protection, or business operations associated with shallow-draft inland and coastal waterway navigation and towing safety. Each member serves for a term of 3 years. A few members may serve consecutive terms. All members serve at their own expense and receive no salary, reimbursement of travel expenses, or other compensation from the Federal Government.

In support of the policy of the Department of Homeland Security on gender and ethnic diversity, we encourage qualified women and members of minority groups to apply.

If you are selected as a member who represents the general public, we will require you to complete a Confidential Financial Disclosure Report (OGE Form 450). We may not release the report or the information in it 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).

Dated: May 19, 2003.

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Director of Standards, Marine Safety, Security & Environmental Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[CGD01-03-045]

Closure of Coast Guard Station (Small) Rockaway

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) and the National Parks Service (NPS) are holding a Public Information Meeting on Tuesday, May 27, 2003, at 5:30 p.m. at the Chapel at Fort Tilden, Rockaway Point Boulevard, Rockaway, New York to present information relating to the NPS plans to expand Gateway National Recreation Area by developing the property currently managed by the USCG as Station (Small) Rockaway. The meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The United States Coast Guard and National Park Service will conduct this meeting on Tuesday, May 27, 2003, from 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. The meeting may close early if all business is finished. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard on or before May 27, 2003. Requests to have a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee should reach the Coast Guard on or before May 23, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Chapel at Fort Tilden, Rockaway Point Boulevard, Rockaway, NY. Send written material and requests to make oral presentations to CDR Peter Sammis, Marine Response Division (CGD01-03-045), Coast Guard Activities New York, 212 Coast Guard Drive, room 210, Staten Island, NY 10305. This notice is available on the Internet at <http://www.harborops.com>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: CDR Peter Sammis, Chief, Marine Response