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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

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Certificates of Alternative Compliance, First Coast Guard District

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard announces that the First Coast Guard District's Prevention Department has issued certificates of alternative compliance with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (72 COLREGS), to vessels of special construction or purpose that cannot fully comply with the light, shape, and sound signal provisions of 72 COLREGS without interfering with their special function. This notice promotes the Coast Guard's maritime safety and stewardship missions.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Discussion

The United States is signatory to the International Maritime Organization's International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972, as amended. The special construction or purpose of some vessels makes them unable to comply with the light, shape, and sound signal

provisions of 72 COLREGS. Under statutory law¹ and Coast Guard regulation,² a vessel may instead meet alternative requirements and the vessel's owner, builder, operator, or agent may apply for a certificate of alternative compliance (COAC). The Chief of the Inspections and Investigations Branch in each Coast Guard District office determines whether the vessel for which the COAC is sought complies as closely as possible with 72 COLREGS, and decides whether to issue the COAC. Once issued, a COAC remains valid until information supplied in the application for the COAC, or the terms of the COAC, become inapplicable to the vessel. Under the governing statute³ and regulation,⁴ the Coast Guard must publish notice of each COAC issued by the District office.

The First Coast Guard District issued COACs to the following vessels between 2012 and 2015:

YEAR	VESSEL NAME	DETAILS
2012	MARK MORAN	This certificate authorizes the placement of the vessel's sidelights in a position 12' 8.5" from the vessel's side, mounted to the deckhouse.
2012	KATIE MORAN	This certificate authorizes the placement of the vessel's sidelights in a position 12' 8.5" from the vessel's side, mounted to the deckhouse overhead.
2012	ANNABELLE DOROTHY MORAN	This certificate authorizes the placement of the vessel's sidelights in a position 12' 8.5" from the vessel's side, mounted to the deckhouse overhead.
2013	ATHENA	This certificate authorizes the placement of the vessel's sidelights in a position 13' 3" from the vessel's side, mounted to the deckhouse overhead.
2013	APOLLO	This certificate authorizes the placement of the vessel's sidelights in a position 13' 3" from the vessel's side, mounted to the deckhouse overhead.
2013	B. FRANKLIN REINAUER	This certificate authorizes the placement of the vessel's sidelights in a position 8' 5" from the vessel's side, mounted to the deckhouse overhead, and the placement of the masthead light 3' 9" aft of amidships, mounted to the mast above the deckhouse.

¹ 33 U.S.C. 1605.

² 33 CFR 81.3.

³ 33 U.S.C. 1605(c).

⁴ 33 CFR 81.18.

2013	CURTIS REINAUER	This certificate authorizes the placement of the vessel's sidelights in a position 8' 5" from the vessel's side, mounted to the deckhouse overhead, and the placement of the masthead light 3' 9" aft of amidships, mounted to the mast above the deckhouse.
2013	EVENING STAR	This certificate authorizes the placement of the vessel's sidelights in a position 9' 3" from the vessel's side, mounted to the deckhouse overhead.
2013	PATRIOT	This certificate authorizes the placement of the vessel's sidelights in a position 13' 3" from the vessel's side, mounted to the pilot house overhead.
2013	HAGGERTY GIRLS	This certificate authorizes the placement of the vessel's sidelights in a position 5' 2" from the vessel's tower, mounted to the deckhouse overhead, and the placement of the forward masthead in a position 3' 9" aft of amidships.
2014	HALEY MORAN	This certificate authorizes the placement of the vessel's sidelights in a position 13' 3" from the vessel's side, mounted to the pilot house overhead.
2014	GEORGE T. MORAN	This certificate authorizes the placement of the vessel's sidelights in a position 13' 3" from the vessel's side, mounted to the pilot house overhead.
2014	BUCKLEY MCALLISTER	This certificate authorizes the placement of the vessel's sidelights in a position 6' 3 15/16" from the centerline of the vessel's tower, mounted to the deckhouse overhead.
2014	DEAN REINAUER	This certificate authorizes the placement of the vessel's sidelights in a position 7' 1.75" from the vessel's side, mounted to the deckhouse overhead, and the placement of the masthead light 3' 9" aft of amidships, mounted to the mast above the deckhouse.
2014	DENISE A. BOUCHARD	This certificate authorizes the placement of the vessel's sidelights in a position 9' 3" from the vessel's side, mounted to the deckhouse.
2014	ERIC McALLISTER	This certificate authorizes the placement of the vessel's sidelights in a position 6' 3 13/16" from the vessel's centerline, 10' 8 1/16" from the side shell, mounted to the deckhouse overhead.
2014	HAYLEY MORAN	This certificate authorizes the placement of the vessel's sidelights in a position 13' 3" from the vessel's side, mounted to the pilot house overhead.
2014	BATTEN KILL	This certificate authorizes the operation of the pilothouse in the down position (height of 13' 3.6"), reducing the masthead light by 2' 3.6" from the up position (height 15' 7.2"), mounted to the pilothouse overhead. Additionally, this certificate authorizes the display of only one masthead light in lieu of two masthead lights located at the top of the towing vessel wheelhouse. This certificate is only valid between Champlain Canal Mile Marker 0 to Champlain Canal Mile Marker 39. EXPIRED: December 31, 2015
2014	SNOOK KILL	This certificate authorizes the operation of the pilothouse in the down position (height of 13' 3.6"), reducing the masthead light by 2' 3.6" from the up position (height 15' 7.2"), mounted to the pilothouse overhead. Additionally, this certificate authorizes the display of only one masthead light in lieu of two masthead lights located at the top of the towing vessel wheelhouse. This certificate is only valid between Champlain Canal Mile Marker 0 to Champlain Canal Mile Marker 39. EXPIRED: December 31, 2015
2014	BIG BEND	This certificate authorizes the operation of the pilothouse in the down position (height of 13' 3.6"), reducing the masthead light by 2' 3.6" from the up position (height 15' 7.2"), mounted to the

		pilothouse overhead. Additionally, this certificate authorizes the display of only one masthead light in lieu of two masthead lights located at the top of the towing vessel wheelhouse. This certificate is only valid between Champlain Canal Mile Marker 0 to Champlain Canal Mile Marker 39. EXPIRED: December 31, 2015
2014	FISHER	This certificate authorizes the operation of the pilothouse in the down position (height of 13' 3.6"), reducing the masthead light by 2' 3.6" from the up position (height 15' 7.2"), mounted to the pilothouse overhead. Additionally, this certificate authorizes the display of only one masthead light in lieu of two masthead lights located at the top of the towing vessel wheelhouse. This certificate is only valid between Champlain Canal Mile Marker 0 to Champlain Canal Mile Marker 39. EXPIRED: December 31, 2015
2014	THREE SISTERS	This certificate authorizes the operation of the pilothouse in the down position (height of 13' 3.6"), reducing the masthead light by 2' 3.6" from the up position (height 15' 7.2"), mounted to the pilothouse overhead. Additionally, this certificate authorizes the display of only one masthead light in lieu of two masthead lights located at the top of the towing vessel wheelhouse. This certificate is only valid between Champlain Canal Mile Marker 0 to Champlain Canal Mile Marker 39. EXPIRED: December 31, 2015
2014	STURGEON	This certificate authorizes the operation of the pilothouse in the down position (height of 13' 3.6"), reducing the masthead light by 2' 3.6" from the up position (height 15' 7.2"), mounted to the pilothouse overhead. Additionally, this certificate authorizes the display of only one masthead light in lieu of two masthead lights located at the top of the towing vessel wheelhouse. This certificate is only valid between Champlain Canal Mile Marker 0 to Champlain Canal Mile Marker 39. EXPIRED: December 31, 2015
2014	MARTEN	This certificate authorizes the operation of the pilothouse in the down position (height of 13' 3.6"), reducing the masthead light by 2' 3.6" from the up position (height 15' 7.2"), mounted to the pilothouse overhead. Additionally, this certificate authorizes the display of only one masthead light in lieu of two masthead lights located at the top of the towing vessel wheelhouse. This certificate is only valid between Champlain Canal Mile Marker 0 to Champlain Canal Mile Marker 39. EXPIRED: December 31, 2015
2014	GRIFFIN	This certificate authorizes the operation of the pilothouse in the down position (height of 13' 3.6"), reducing the masthead light by 2' 3.6" from the up position (height 15' 7.2"), mounted to the pilothouse overhead. Additionally, this certificate authorizes the display of only one masthead light in lieu of two masthead lights located at the top of the towing vessel wheelhouse. This certificate is only valid between Champlain Canal Mile Marker 0 to Champlain Canal Mile Marker 39. EXPIRED: December 31, 2015
2014	RANGER	This certificate authorizes the operation of the pilothouse in the down position (height of 13' 3.6"), reducing the masthead light by 2' 3.6" from the up position (height 15' 7.2"), mounted to the pilothouse overhead. Additionally, this certificate authorizes the display of only one masthead light in lieu of two masthead lights located at the top of the towing vessel wheelhouse. This certificate is only valid between Champlain Canal Mile Marker 0 to Champlain Canal Mile Marker 39. EXPIRED: December 31, 2015
2014	THOMPSON	This certificate authorizes the operation of the pilothouse in the down position (height of 13' 3.6"), reducing the masthead light by

		2' 3.6" from the up position (height 15' 7.2"), mounted to the pilothouse overhead. Additionally, this certificate authorizes the display of only one masthead light in lieu of two masthead lights located at the top of the towing vessel wheelhouse. This certificate is only valid between Champlain Canal Mile Marker 0 to Champlain Canal Mile Marker 39. EXPIRED: December 31, 2015
2014	TURNING POINT	This certificate authorizes the operation of the pilothouse in the down position (height of 13' 3.6"), reducing the masthead light by 2' 3.6" from the up position (height 15' 7.2"), mounted to the pilothouse overhead. Additionally, this certificate authorizes the display of only one masthead light in lieu of two masthead lights located at the top of the towing vessel wheelhouse. This certificate is only valid between Champlain Canal Mile Marker 0 to Champlain Canal Mile Marker 39. EXPIRED: December 31, 2015
2014	ROGERS	This certificate authorizes the operation of the pilothouse in the down position (height of 13' 3.6"), reducing the masthead light by 2' 3.6" from the up position (height 15' 7.2"), mounted to the pilothouse overhead. Additionally, this certificate authorizes the display of only one masthead light in lieu of two masthead lights located at the top of the towing vessel wheelhouse. This certificate is only valid between Champlain Canal Mile Marker 0 to Champlain Canal Mile Marker 39. EXPIRED: December 31, 2015
2014	WASHINGTON	This certificate authorizes the operation of the pilothouse in the down position (height of 13' 3.6"), reducing the masthead light by 2' 3.6" from the up position (height 15' 7.2"), mounted to the pilothouse overhead. Additionally, this certificate authorizes the display of only one masthead light in lieu of two masthead lights located at the top of the towing vessel wheelhouse. This certificate is only valid between Champlain Canal Mile Marker 0 to Champlain Canal Mile Marker 39. EXPIRED: December 31, 2015
2014	EAGLE	This certificate authorizes the operation of the pilothouse in the down position (height of 13' 3.6"), reducing the masthead light by 2' 3.6" from the up position (height 15' 7.2"), mounted to the pilothouse overhead. Additionally, this certificate authorizes the display of only one masthead light in lieu of two masthead lights located at the top of the towing vessel wheelhouse. This certificate is only valid between Champlain Canal Mile Marker 0 to Champlain Canal Mile Marker 39. EXPIRED: December 31, 2015
2014	CUSHING	This certificate authorizes the operation of the pilothouse in the down position (height of 13' 3.6"), reducing the masthead light by 2' 3.6" from the up position (height 15' 7.2"), mounted to the pilothouse overhead. Additionally, this certificate authorizes the display of only one masthead light in lieu of two masthead lights located at the top of the towing vessel wheelhouse. This certificate is only valid between Champlain Canal Mile Marker 0 to Champlain Canal Mile Marker 39. EXPIRED: December 31, 2015
2014	SARATOGA	This certificate authorizes the operation of the pilothouse in the down position (height of 13' 3.6"), reducing the masthead light by 2' 3.6" from the up position (height 15' 7.2"), mounted to the pilothouse overhead. Additionally, this certificate authorizes the display of only one masthead light in lieu of two masthead lights located at the top of the towing vessel wheelhouse. This certificate is only valid between Champlain Canal Mile Marker 0 to Champlain Canal Mile Marker 39. EXPIRED: December 31, 2015
2014	CHAMPLAIN	This certificate authorizes the operation of the pilothouse in the

		down position (height of 13' 3.6"), reducing the masthead light by 2' 3.6" from the up position (height 15' 7.2"), mounted to the pilothouse overhead. Additionally, this certificate authorizes the display of only one masthead light in lieu of two masthead lights located at the top of the towing vessel wheelhouse. This certificate is only valid between Champlain Canal Mile Marker 0 to Champlain Canal Mile Marker 39. EXPIRED: December 31, 2015
2014	HR BASS	This certificate authorizes the operation of the pilothouse in the down position (height of 14.1' 1.2"), reducing the masthead light by 7' 0.0" from the up position (height 21' 1.2"), mounted to the pilothouse overhead. Additionally, this certificate authorizes the display of only one masthead light in lieu of two masthead lights located at the top of the towing vessel wheelhouse. This certificate is only valid between Champlain Canal Mile Marker 0 to Champlain Canal Mile Marker 39. EXPIRED: December 31, 2015
2014	HR BEAVER	This certificate authorizes the operation of the pilothouse in the down position (height of 14.1' 1.2"), reducing the masthead light by 7' 0.0" from the up position (height 21' 1.2"), mounted to the pilothouse overhead. Additionally, this certificate authorizes the display of only one masthead light in lieu of two masthead lights located at the top of the towing vessel wheelhouse. This certificate is only valid between Champlain Canal Mile Marker 0 to Champlain Canal Mile Marker 39. EXPIRED: December 31, 2015
2014	HR HAWK	This certificate authorizes the operation of the pilothouse in the down position (height of 14.1' 1.2"), reducing the masthead light by 7' 0.0" from the up position (height 21' 1.2"), mounted to the pilothouse overhead. Additionally, this certificate authorizes the display of only one masthead light in lieu of two masthead lights located at the top of the towing vessel wheelhouse. This certificate is only valid between Champlain Canal Mile Marker 0 to Champlain Canal Mile Marker 39. EXPIRED: December 31, 2015
2014	HR OTTER	This certificate authorizes the operation of the pilothouse in the down position (height of 14.1' 1.2"), reducing the masthead light by 7' 0.0" from the up position (height 21' 1.2"), mounted to the pilothouse overhead. Additionally, this certificate authorizes the display of only one masthead light in lieu of two masthead lights located at the top of the towing vessel wheelhouse. This certificate is only valid between Champlain Canal Mile Marker 0 to Champlain Canal Mile Marker 39. EXPIRED: December 31, 2015
2014	HR PIKE	This certificate authorizes the operation of the pilothouse in the down position (height of 14.1' 1.2"), reducing the masthead light by 7' 0.0" from the up position (height 21' 1.2"), mounted to the pilothouse overhead. Additionally, this certificate authorizes the display of only one masthead light in lieu of two masthead lights located at the top of the towing vessel wheelhouse. This certificate is only valid between Champlain Canal Mile Marker 0 to Champlain Canal Mile Marker 39. EXPIRED: December 31, 2015
2015	CHANDRA B.	This certificate authorizes the placement of the vessel's mast head light on a hinged mast in a position 16' 05" from the vessel's deck, mounted to the stern deckhouse overhead.
2015	DYLAN COOPER	This certificate authorizes the placement of the vessel's sidelights in a position 7' 1.75" from the vessel's side, mounted to the deckhouse overhead.
2015	PAYTON GRACE MORAN	This certificate authorizes the placement of the vessel's sidelights in a position 13' 5.25" from the vessel's side, mounted to the pilot

		house roof. Additionally, this certificate authorizes the placement of the vessel's stern light & towing lights in a position 3' 4.5" aft of Frame 20.
2015	KIRBY MORAN	This certificate authorizes the placement of the vessel's sidelights in a position 13' 5.25" from the vessel's side, mounted to the pilot house roof. Additionally, this certificate authorizes the placement of the vessel's stern light & towing lights in a position 3' 4.5" aft of Frame 20.
2015	JAMES D. MORAN	This certificate authorizes the placement of the vessel's sidelights in a position 13' 5.25" from the vessel's side, mounted to the pilot house roof. Additionally, this certificate authorizes the placement of the vessel's stern light & towing lights in a position 3' 4.5" aft of Frame 20.
2015	JRT MORAN	This certificate authorizes the placement of the vessel's sidelights in a position 13' 5.25" from the vessel's side, mounted to the pilot house roof. Additionally, this certificate authorizes the placement of the vessel's stern light & towing lights in a position 3' 4.5" aft of Frame 20.
2015	JONATHAN C MORAN	This certificate authorizes the placement of the vessel's sidelights in a position 13' 5.25" from the vessel's side, mounted to the pilot house roof. Additionally, this certificate authorizes the placement of the vessel's stern light & towing lights in a position 3' 4.5" aft of Frame 20.

This notice is issued under authority of 5 U.S.C. 552(a), 33 U.S.C. 1605(c), and 33 CFR 81.18.

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