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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Maritime Administration**

**[Docket Number: MARAD-2018-0184]**

#### **Agency Request for Approval of a New Information Collection: Mariner Survey**

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

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments

**SUMMARY:** The Maritime Administration (MARAD) invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for a new information collection. The collection involves a biennial survey of appropriately credentialed U.S. merchant mariners to determine their availability and willingness to serve on U.S. government-owned sealift ships or commercial ships in the event of a war, armed conflict, national emergency, or maritime mobilization need (hereinafter collectively called “National Need”). The information to be collected will be used by MARAD and is necessary to assess the emergency preparedness of the nation’s sealift fleet.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted by [insert date 60 days after date of publication in the Federal Register]. MARAD will consider comments filed after this date to the extent practicable.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by Docket No. MARAD-2018-0184 through one of the following methods:

- Electronic Submission: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Search by using the docket number (provided above). Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the electronic docket site.

- Mail: Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590-0001.
- Hand Delivery: Room PL-401 of the Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC, between 9 am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

*Instructions:* All submissions must include the agency name and docket number.

*Note:* All comments received, including any personal information, will be posted without change to the docket and is accessible via <http://www.regulations.gov> . Input submitted online via [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) is not immediately posted to the site. It may take several business days before your submission is posted.

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time or to Room PL-401 of the Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC, between 9 am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays. The Federal Docket Management Facility's telephone number is 202-366-9826 or 202-366-9317, the fax number is 202-493-2251.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** You may contact Nuns Jain, Maritime Administration, at 202-385-0115 or by electronic mail at Nuns.Jain@dot.gov. You may send mail to Nuns Jain at Maritime Administration, Building 19, Suite 300, 7737 Hampton Boulevard, Norfolk, Virginia 23505. If you have questions on viewing the Docket, call Docket Operations, telephone: 202-366-9826 or 202-366-9317.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title of Collection:* Mariner Survey

*OMB Control Number:* 2133-NEW

*Form Number:* TBD

*Type of Review:* New information collection

*Background:* The Mariner Survey project will conduct a biennial survey of appropriately credentialed U.S. merchant mariners to determine their availability and willingness to serve on short notice on U.S. government-owned sealift ships or commercial ships during a period of National Need. Responses will be primarily collected via an online survey, with a mail survey option.

*Respondents:* Appropriately credentialed U.S. Merchant Mariners.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households

*Total Estimated Number of Responses:* 6,545

*Frequency:* Every two years.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 30 minutes

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 3,273

**Public Comments Invited:** You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the Department's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for the Department to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

(AUTHORITY: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.93.)

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Dated: December 12, 2018.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator

**T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.**

*Secretary*

*Maritime Administration*

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