



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**Maritime
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

September 6, 2018

Mr. Peter Reich
c/o Bear Boat Charters, Inc.
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Shelter Island Heights, NY 11965

Waiver - Docket No. MARAD-2018-0124
Vessel: TEDDY BEAR

Dear Mr. Reich:

You requested a waiver of the U.S.-build requirement of the Coastwise Trade Laws for the Vessel as authorized by Pub. L. 105-383, Title V, "Administrative Process for Jones Act Waivers." The Maritime Administration (MARAD) published your proposal in the Federal Register for a 30-day period of public comment. After due consideration of the documents in the Docket (available at <http://www.regulations.gov>), MARAD hereby approves your request and grants the waiver, subject to the terms set out below.

At the conclusion of the comment period, a review of the entire docket indicated a comment was submitted. However, the submission did not provide any evidence that the issuance of a waiver would cause an undue adverse affect upon any specific U.S.-flag vessel operator or U.S. shipyard serving the coastwise trade. MARAD does not have information from any other source suggesting that the requested waiver not be granted on the grounds of undue market impact on vessel operators or vessel builders.

MARAD makes the following findings. The Vessel is an eligible vessel under Pub. L. 105-383. The employment of the Vessel that you propose will not adversely affect United States vessel builders or the coastwise trade business of any person who employs vessels built in the United States in that business.

Therefore, your requested waiver is granted, as follows:

Vessel: TEDDY BEAR

Effective Date: September 14, 2018

State or Hull ID Number: 682961

Geographic Limits: New York (excluding New York Harbor), Connecticut, Rhode Island

Conditions: Commercial use is limited to the carriage of not more than 12 passengers for hire within the above geographic limits. This letter does not allow for carriage of cargo, commercial fishing, towing, dredging or salvage. Sport fishing is permitted as long as the fish caught are not sold commercially.

The effective date of the waiver is on the 6th business day after approval if no petition for review of the decision is received. MARAD has the right to revoke the waiver if it has been determined that there was fraud at the time of application. If substantial change in the use of the Vessel is contemplated, or if a different geographic area of operation is considered, you must give MARAD prior notice. We can be reached by mail at: Maritime Administration, Office of Cargo and Commercial Sealift, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Room W23-453, Washington, DC 20590. The contact for MARAD is Bianca Carr, 202-366-9309.

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This is not a waiver of any vessel documentation, vessel manning or vessel inspection requirements. To use this waiver to obtain a coastwise endorsement, please contact the U.S. Coast Guard National Vessel Documentation Center (NVDC), 792 T.J. Jackson Drive, Falling Waters, WV 25419. You may call that office at 1-800-799-8362 or visit their website at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/nvdc>. In addition, you should contact the U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Office for the zone in which the Vessel will be operated for personnel licensing and vessel inspection matters.

Sincerely,



Jan S. Downing
Director, Office of Cargo
and Commercial Sealift

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