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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard is responsible for carrying out the National Recreational Boating Safety Program. A review of the 2002 Coast Guard Boating Safety statistics shows that the 5,705 boating accidents resulted in 750 fatalities and 4,062 injuries. The 750 fatalities reverse a downward trend and are at their highest level since 1998. Seventy percent of the 750 fatalities were drowning victims (524 out of 750); and nearly 85% of the victims who drowned were not wearing their PFD. Additionally, of the 524 fatalities due to drowning, 254 were on vessels known to be less than 16 feet in length and 388 were on vessels known to be less than 21 feet in length. (Note: 68 more drowning fatalities were on vessels of unspecified length.) For the past five years, we have utilized an independent contractor to perform observational surveys of PFD wear at over 120 sites nationwide during the primary boating season. Unfortunately, the results of these surveys indicate that the vast majority of adults do not wear their PFDs while boating. Therefore, we are sponsoring a workshop to bring representatives of all appropriate segments of the recreational marine community together to explore any and all means of increasing PFD wear while boating.

The workshop will be in a panel format. The panelists were selected based on area of marine community involvement, and will address relevant issues regarding PFD wear, as well as issues and questions raised by attendees at the workshop. We plan to prepare minutes of the workshop discussions and distribute them to everyone who registers attendance at the workshop by signing the attendance list at the workshop. You may also obtain a copy of the minutes from the persons listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

#### Agenda of Workshop

The agenda includes the following:

- (1) Introduction of the panel members and others.
- (2) Discussion of prepared issues including breakdown of PFD wear segment, percentage of PFD wear among groups, attitudes of anglers/hunters, PFD wear studies, challenges,

opportunities, actions taken to improve wear rates, update on PFD design, wearability, performance characteristics, comfort, etc.

(3) Discussion of issues and questions raised by attendees at the workshop.

(4) Conclusion.

#### Procedural

The meeting is open to the public. Please note that the workshop may close early if all business is finished.

#### Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact the persons listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** as soon as possible.

Dated: January 27, 2004.

**Kenneth A. Ward,**

*Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Acting, Director of Operations Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

[USCG-2004-16980]

#### Workshop on Propeller-Injury Risk Avoidance Issues in Recreational Boating at the Miami International Boat Show

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Coast Guard and the American Boat and Yacht Council (ABYC) are sponsoring a workshop to discuss various issues to improve recreational boating safety relating to propeller injuries and measures to avoid them. The workshop will be open to the public.

**DATES:** The workshop will meet on Friday, February 13, 2004, from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. The workshop may close early if all business is finished.

**ADDRESSES:** The workshop will meet in room A201 (in the A Lobby), Miami Beach Convention Center, 1901 Convention Center Dr., Miami Beach, FL. This notice is available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov> and at <http://uscgboating.org>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard Blackman, Project Manager, Office of Boating Safety, U.S. Coast Guard, telephone 202-267-6810, fax 202-267-4285 or Caroline Chetelat, Marketing & Communications Manager,

American Boat and Yacht Council, telephone 410-956-1050, fax 410-956-2737. If you have questions on viewing material in the docket, call Andrea M. Jenkins, Program Manager, Docket Operations, Department of Transportation, telephone 202-366-0271.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard is responsible for carrying out the National Recreational Boating Safety Program. Recreational boaters are at risk in recreational boats as a result of incidents causing impact with propellers, lower units and appendages. The Coast Guard is engaged with industry, other government organizations, and the public to raise the level of public awareness regarding this safety risk, encourage technological advancement to lower the level of risk, and consider possible appropriate regulatory action. Although significant progress has been made, the Coast Guard intends to continue its efforts to foster active efforts to eliminate propeller related injury as a significant risk to the boating public.

Based on feedback from prior meetings with marine industry representatives, the workshop will be in a panel format. The panelists were selected based on area of marine industry involvement, and will address relevant new technological developments and provide progress updates on a variety of ongoing efforts, as well as issues and questions raised by attendees at the workshop. We plan to prepare minutes of the workshop discussions and distribute them to everyone who registers attendance at the workshop by signing the attendance list at the workshop. You may also obtain a copy of the minutes from the persons listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

#### Agenda of Workshop

The agenda includes the following:

- (1) Introduction of the panel members and others.
- (2) Discussion of prepared issues and questions based on early input from the marine industry.
- (3) Discussion of issues and questions raised by attendees at the workshop.
- (4) Conclusion.

#### Procedural

The meeting is open to the public. Please note that the workshop may close early if all business is finished.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

[USCG-2004-16979]

#### Workshop on Carbon Monoxide Risk and Avoidance Issues in Recreational Boating at the Miami International Boat Show

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Coast Guard and the American Boat and Yacht Council (ABYC) are sponsoring a workshop to discuss various issues to improve recreational boating safety relating to carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning and measures to avoid it. The workshop will be open to the public.

**DATES:** The workshop will meet on Friday, February 13, 2004, from 10 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. The workshop may close early if all business is finished.

**ADDRESSES:** The workshop will meet in room A201 (in the A Lobby), Miami Beach Convention Center, 1901 Convention Center Dr., Miami Beach, FL. This notice is available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov> and at <http://uscgboating.org>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard Blackman, Project Manager, Office of Boating Safety, U.S. Coast Guard telephone 202-267-6810, fax 202-267-4285 or Caroline Chetelat, Marketing & Communications Manager, American Boat and Yacht Council, telephone 410-956-1050, fax 410-956-2737. If you have questions on viewing material in the docket, call Andrea M. Jenkins, Program Manager, Docket Operations, Department of Transportation, telephone 202-366-0271.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard is responsible for carrying out the National Recreational Boating Safety Program. Recreational boaters are at risk in recreational boats as a result of carbon monoxide hazards. The Coast Guard is engaged with industry, other government organizations, and the

public to raise the level of public awareness regarding this preventable safety risk, encourage technological advancement to lower the level of risk, and consider possible appropriate regulatory action. Although significant progress has been made, the Coast Guard intends to continue its efforts to foster active efforts to eliminate the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning as a significant risk to the boating public.

Based on feedback from prior meetings with marine industry representatives, the workshop will be in a panel format. The panelists were selected based on area of marine industry involvement, and will address relevant new technological developments and provide progress updates on a variety of ongoing efforts, as well as issues and questions raised by attendees at the workshop. We plan to prepare minutes of the workshop discussions and distribute them to everyone who registers attendance at the workshop by signing the attendance list at the workshop. You may also obtain a copy of the minutes from the persons listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

#### Agenda of Workshop

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- (2) Discussion of prepared issues and questions based on early input from the marine industry.
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- (4) Conclusion.

#### Procedural

The meeting is open to the public. Please note that the workshop may close early if all business is finished.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Bureau of Customs and Border Protection

#### Automated Commercial Environment (ACE): Applications To Establish Truck Carrier Accounts for Participation in a National Customs Automation Program (NCAP) Test

**AGENCY:** Customs and Border Protection, DHS.

**ACTION:** General notice.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces that the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is accepting applications to establish Truck Carrier Accounts for a National Customs Automation Program (NCAP) test for the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE). Truck carriers who open Truck Carrier Accounts will eventually have the ability to file truck manifest information electronically via the ACE Secure Data Portal and/or via electronic data interchange (EDI) messaging. These Truck Carrier Account-holders will also have access to operational data, receive status messages on ACE Accounts, have access to integrated Account data from multiple system sources, manage and disseminate information in an efficient and secure manner, and obtain release of their cargo, crew, conveyances, and equipment via the ACE Portal or electronic data interchange (EDI) messaging.

This notice sets forth eligibility and application requirements for truck carriers to establish ACE Accounts, and opens the application period for submitting applications.

Any truck carriers interested in participating in testing of electronic truck manifest functionality will be required to have a Truck Carrier Account and, therefore, are encouraged to apply to establish an ACE Account. Further information on participating in testing of the automated electronic truck manifest functionality will be the subject of a subsequent **Federal Register** notice.

**DATES:** Applications to establish ACE Truck Carrier Accounts will be accepted starting on February 4, 2004 and will remain open until further notice. Further information on participation in testing of the automated electronic truck manifest functionality will be set forth in a subsequent **Federal Register** notice.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications to establish ACE Truck Carrier Accounts should be submitted to Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick via e-mail at [Thomas.Fitzpatrick@dhs.gov](mailto:Thomas.Fitzpatrick@dhs.gov).