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<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2020-05-29/pdf/2020-11619.pdf>

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG-2020-0187]

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ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard will begin making broadcast notices to mariners containing locally relevant navigation information accessible by mobile devices and the internet. New methods of information delivery will include Rich Site Summary also known as Really Simple Syndication (RSS) feeds, email, and other means such as web-based graphic interfaces. The Coast Guard believes the internet and mobile availability will allow greater numbers of mariners to access this information, and to do so in a more-timely, reliable, convenient, and customized manner. Currently, the only way to obtain this information is to tune in to local Coast Guard broadcasts that take place on very high frequency (VHF) marine radio two or more times per day.

DATES: Comments must be submitted to the online docket via <https://www.regulations.gov> on or before July 28, 2020.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by docket number USCG-2020-0187 using the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. See the "Public Participation and Request for Comments" portion of the supplementary information section for further instructions on submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about this document, please

call or email Eugene Diotalevi, Coast Guard Navigation Center; telephone: 703-313-5800; email: BNM@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Participation and Comments

We encourage you to submit comments (or related material) on this Notice. We will consider all submissions and may adjust our final action based on your comments. If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this notice, indicate the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and provide a reason for each suggestion or recommendation.

We encourage you to submit comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. If your material cannot be submitted using <http://www.regulations.gov>, contact the person in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document for alternate instructions. Documents mentioned in this notice, and all public comments, are in our online docket at <http://www.regulations.gov> and can be viewed by following that website's instructions. Additionally, if you go to the online docket and sign up for email alerts, you will be notified when comments are posted, or a final rule is published.

We accept anonymous comments. All comments received will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov> and will include any personal information you have provided. For more about privacy and submissions in response to this document, see DHS's eRulemaking System of Records notice (85 FR 14226, March 11, 2020).

Abbreviations

BNM Broadcast notices to mariners
NAVAREA Navigational Area
NAVTEX Navigation Telex Radio
RSS Rich Site Summary or Really Simple Syndication
VHF Very High Frequency

Discussion

The Coast Guard broadcasts scheduled navigation safety messages on VHF marine radio. These messages, called broadcast notices to mariners (BNMs), provide information about the status of Coast Guard aids-to-navigation (e.g. buoys, beacons, and lights), navigational hazards, maritime events, and other locally relevant maritime safety information. Scheduled broadcasts normally occur every six to twelve hours on marine VHF Channel 22A, and typically follow a brief announcement on Channel 16

reminding listeners that a Channel 22A broadcast is about to begin. The Coast Guard makes such broadcasts in order to alert mariners to information that will later be consolidated into local notices to mariners documents, which are published weekly by each Coast Guard District. Local notices to mariners documents are distributed at <https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/LNM>.

The information in BNMs is primarily targeted to local situations and conditions occurring within U.S. ports and waterways and in near-shore, and in-shore waters. These broadcasts should not be confused with other official navigational safety messages transmitted for the benefit of offshore and international maritime vessel traffic through established, internationally coordinated means, such as NAVTEX, NAVAREA, and coastal warnings. The Coast Guard is seeking to make such navigation safety information available to mobile device and internet users, which is expected to offer the following advantages:

(1) *Improved Information Reach.* More boaters and professional mariners for whom the navigation information is relevant will have access to it. The overwhelming majority of current VHF broadcasts concern events, hazards, aids-to-navigation, and other situations that are located in areas where there is offshore mobile data coverage. Greater numbers of mariners, especially those operating close to shore, increasingly make use of mobile technology in lieu of, or in addition to VHF marine radio. This will allow more people to benefit from access to the information.

(2) *Greater Convenience.* The Coast Guard plans to publish the information on an open-facing website that will allow mariners to customize the manner of delivery. For example, mariners will be able to receive an email for each broadcast made in a specified area; may choose to subscribe to an RSS feed; or may choose to visit a mobile-accessible website that displays the broadcasts that apply to a given geographical area. The Coast Guard is also developing other ways to access the information, including graphic interfaces, or through downloadable chart overlays that show the locations where pertinent marine safety information applies. Mariners will be able to access the latest information during times that are convenient to their situation, for example, while they are planning a voyage, or as they approach an entrance to a port or channel.

(3) *Better Timeliness.* Mariners will not have to wait for the next scheduled VHF broadcast to access critical information. They will gain access to

individual navigation messages as soon as they are published.

The proposed new system of information distribution is presently being tested in the Fifth Coast Guard District. The public is urged to examine the following RSS feed as an illustration of this proposed new system at: https://public.govdelivery.com/topics/USDHSCG_250/feed.rss or to test out the graphic interface that returns customized reports of the most up-to-date broadcast notices in the Fifth Coast Guard District at <https://navcen.uscg.gov/bnmmessages/DistrictSearchV1.php?d=5&i=4>. This proposed new system of information distribution would not impact those other systems and procedures.

The Coast Guard is interested in the public's views about the proposed new system of information distribution being tested in the Fifth Coast Guard District, including ideas for how best to organize and distribute navigation safety information to mobile device users. The Coast Guard will consider all comments from the public. After considering any comments received, the Coast Guard will issue a notice in the **Federal Register** indicating how the matter will be resolved.

This notice is issued under the authority of 14 U.S.C. 504(a)(16) and 5 U.S.C. 552(a).

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG-2020-0189]

Information Collection Request to Office of Management and Budget; OMB Control Number: 1625-0073

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Sixty-day notice requesting comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the U.S. Coast Guard intends to submit an Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), requesting an extension of its approval for the following collection of information: 1625-0073, Alteration of Unreasonable Obstructive Bridges; without change.

Our ICR describes the information we seek to collect from the public. Before

submitting this ICR to OIRA, the Coast Guard is inviting comments as described below.

DATES: Comments must reach the Coast Guard on or before July 28, 2020.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Coast Guard docket number [USCG-2020-0189] to the Coast Guard using the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>. See the "Public participation and request for comments" portion of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for further instructions on submitting comments.

A copy of the ICR is available through the docket on the internet at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Additionally, copies are available from: Commandant (CG-6P), Attn: Paperwork Reduction Act Manager, U.S. Coast Guard, 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. SE, STOP 7710, Washington, DC 20593-7710.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A.L. Craig, Office of Privacy Management, telephone 202-475-3528, or fax 202-372-8405, for questions on these documents.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Participation and Request for Comments

This notice relies on the authority of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended. An ICR is an application to OIRA seeking the approval, extension, or renewal of a Coast Guard collection of information (Collection). The ICR contains information describing the Collection's purpose, the Collection's likely burden on the affected public, an explanation of the necessity of the Collection, and other important information describing the Collection. There is one ICR for each Collection.

The Coast Guard invites comments on whether this ICR should be granted based on the Collection being necessary for the proper performance of Departmental functions. In particular, the Coast Guard would appreciate comments addressing: (1) The practical utility of the Collection; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden of the Collection; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of information subject to the Collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the Collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consistent with the requirements of Executive Order 13771, Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs, and Executive Order 13777, Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda, the Coast

Guard is also requesting comments on the extent to which this request for information could be modified to reduce the burden on respondents.

In response to your comments, we may revise this ICR or decide not to seek an extension of approval for the Collection. We will consider all comments and material received during the comment period.

We encourage you to respond to this request by submitting comments and related materials. Comments must contain the OMB Control Number of the ICR and the docket number of this request, [USCG-2020-0189], and must be received by July 28, 2020.

Submitting Comments

We encourage you to submit comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>. If your material cannot be submitted using <https://www.regulations.gov>, contact the person in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document for alternate instructions. Documents mentioned in this notice, and all public comments, are in our online docket at <https://www.regulations.gov> and can be viewed by following that website's instructions. Additionally, if you go to the online docket and sign up for email alerts, you will be notified when comments are posted.

We accept anonymous comments. All comments received will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov> and will include any personal information you have provided. For more about privacy and submissions in response to this document, see DHS's eRulemaking System of Records notice (85 FR 14226, March 11, 2020).

Information Collection Request

Title: Alteration of Unreasonable Obstructive Bridges.

OMB Control Number: 1625-0073.

Summary: The collection of information is a request to determine if the bridge is unreasonably obstructive.
Need: 33 U.S.C. 494, 502, 511, 513, 514, 515 516, 517, 521, 522, 523 and 524 authorize the Coast Guard to require the removal or alteration of bridges and causeways over the navigable waters of the United States and that the Coast Guard deems to be unreasonably obstructive.

Forms: None.

Respondents: Public and Private Owners of bridges over navigable waters of the United States.

Frequency: Occasional.

Hour Burden Estimate: The estimated burden is 160 hours a year.