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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[USCG-2010-1020]

Information Collection Request to Office of Management and Budget; OMB Control numbers: 1625-0108.

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Sixty-day notice requesting comments.

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SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the U.S. Coast Guard intends to submit an Information Collection Request (ICR) and Analysis to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) requesting an extension of its approval for the following collection of information: 1625-0108, Standard Numbering System for Undocumented Vessels. Before submitting this ICR to OMB, the Coast Guard is inviting comments as described below.

DATES: Comments must reach the Coast Guard on or before January 18, 2011.

ADDRESSES: To avoid duplicate submissions to the docket [USCG-2010-1020], please use only one of the following means:

- (1) Online: <http://www.regulations.gov>.
- (2) Mail: Docket Management Facility (DMF) (M-30), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001.
- (3) Hand deliver: Same as mail address above, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329.
- (4) Fax: 202-493-2251.

The DMF maintains the public docket for this Notice. Comments and material received from the public, as well as documents mentioned in this Notice as being available in the docket, will become part of the docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room W12-140 on the West Building Ground Floor, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also find the docket on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

A copy of the ICR is available through the docket on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Additionally, a copy is available from: Commandant (CG-611), Attn Paperwork Reduction Act Manager, US Coast Guard, 2100 2nd St., SW., Stop 7101, Washington, DC

20593-7101.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Mr. Arthur Requina, Office of Information Management, telephone 202-475-3523, or fax 202-475-3929, for questions on these documents. Contact Ms. Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, 202-366-9826, for questions on the docket.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public participation and request for comments: 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 collections; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden of the collections; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of information subject to the collections; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collections on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

We encourage you to respond to this request by submitting comments and related materials. We will post all comments received, without change, to <http://www.regulations.gov>. They will include any personal information you provide. We have an agreement with DOT to use their DMF. Please see the ``Privacy Act'' paragraph below.

Submitting comments: If you submit a comment, please include the docket number [USCG-2010-1020], indicate the specific section of the document to which each comment applies, providing a reason for each comment. We recommend you include your name, mailing address, an e-mail address, or other contact information in the body of your document so that we can contact you if we have questions regarding your submission. You may submit your comments and material by electronic means, mail, fax, or delivery to the DMF at the address under ADDRESSES; but please submit them by only one means. If you submit them by mail or delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8 1/2 by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit them by mail and would like to know that they reached the Facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. We will consider

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all comments and material received during the comment period and will address them accordingly.

Viewing comments and documents: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> to view documents mentioned in this Notice as being available in the docket. Enter the docket number for this Notice [USCG-2010-1020] in the Search box, and click ``Go >.'' You may also visit the DMF in room W12-140 on the West Building Ground Floor, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Privacy Act: Anyone can search the electronic form of all comments received in dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review the Privacy Act statement regarding our public dockets in the January 17, 2008 issue of the Federal Register (73 FR 3316).

Information Collection Request.

Title: Standard Numbering System for Undocumented Vessels.

OMB Control Number: 1625-0108.

Summary: The Standard Numbering System (SNS) collects information on undocumented vessels and vessel owners operating on waters subject to the jurisdiction of the United States. Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies use information daily or as warranted from the system for enforcement of boating laws or theft and fraud investigations. Since the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States, the need has increased for identification of undocumented vessels to meet port security and other missions to safeguard the homeland.

Need: Subsection 12301(a) of Title 46, United States Code, requires undocumented vessels equipped with propulsion machinery of any kind to be numbered in the State where the vessel is principally operated. Title 46 U.S.C. 12302(a) authorized the Secretary to prescribe, by regulation, a SNS that may be implemented by the States to perform this function on behalf of the Federal Government. The Secretary shall approve a State numbering system that is consistent with the SNS. The Secretary has delegated his authority under 46 U.S.C. 12301 and 12302 to the Coast Guard (DHS Delegation No. 0170.1). Regulations requiring the numbering of undocumented vessels are in 33 CFR part 173; those establishing the SNS for States to voluntarily carry out this function are contained in part 174. For States that do not have an approved system, the Coast Guard administers vessel numbering. Currently, all 56 States and Territories have approved numbering systems. The approximate number of undocumented vessels registered by the States in 2009 was nearly 13 million. States submit reports annually to the Coast Guard on the number, size, construction, etc., of vessels they have numbered. This information is used by the Coast Guard in (1) publication of an annual ``Boating Statistics'' report required by 46 U.S.C. 6102(b), and (2) for allocation of Federal funds to assist States in carrying out the Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) Program established by 46 U.S.C. chapter 131. When encountering a vessel suspected of illegal activity, information from the SNS increases safety by assisting boarding officers in determining how best to approach a vessel. Since, the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States, the need has increased for identification of undocumented vessels and their owners for port security and other missions to safeguard the homeland; this statutory requirement dates back to 1918.

Forms: None.

Respondents: Owners of all undocumented vessels propelled by machinery. ``Owners'' may include individuals or households, non-profit organizations, and small businesses (e.g., liveries that offer recreational vessels for rental by the public) or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: On occasion.

Burden Estimate: The estimated burden remains the same at 286,458 hours a year.

Dated: November 10, 2010.

R.E. Day,  
Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Assistant Commandant for Command,  
Control, Communications, Computers and Information Technology.  
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