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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG-2018-0134]

Information Collection Request to Office of Management and

Budget; OMB Control Number: 1625-0012

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) 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: 1625-0012,

Certificate of Discharge to Merchant Mariner; 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 May 1, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Coast Guard docket

number [USCG-2018-0134] to the Coast Guard using the Federal

eRulemaking Portal at [http://www.regulations.gov](http://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 [http://www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov/). Additionally, copies are available from:

Commandant (CG-612), 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: Mr. Anthony Smith, Office of

Information Management, telephone 202-475-3532, 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; Title 44 United States Code (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. 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

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ICR and the docket number of this request, [USCG-2018-0134], and must

be received by May 1, 2018.

Submitting Comments

 We encourage you to submit comments through the Federal eRulemaking

Portal at [http://www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov/). If your material cannot be

submitted using [http://www.regulations.gov](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](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.

 We accept anonymous comments. All comments received will be posted

without change to [http://www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov/) and will include any

personal information you have provided. For more about privacy and the

docket, you may review a Privacy Act notice regarding the Federal

Docket Management System in the March 24, 2005, issue of the Federal

Register (70 FR 15086).

Information Collection Request

 Title: Certificate of Discharge to Merchant Mariner.

 OMB Control Number: 1625-0012.

 Summary:Title 46, U.S.C. 10311 requires each master or individual

in charge of a vessel, to prepare a Certificate of Discharge to

Merchant Mariner for each mariner being discharged from the vessel.

These documents are used to establish evidence of sea service aboard

U.S.flagged merchant vessels for merchant mariners to upgrade their

credentials, establish proof of eligibility for union and other

benefits, and in litigation when vessel service is an issue.

 Need: The information collected provides the U.S. Coast Guard

evidence of sea service used in determining eligibility for issuance of

a merchant mariner credential, to determine eligibility for various

benefits such as medical and retirement, and to provide information to

the U.S. Maritime Administration (MARAD) on the availability of

mariners in a time of a national emergency.

 Forms: CG-718A, Certificate of Discharge to Merchant Mariner.

 Respondents: Shipping companies, master or individuals in charge of

a vessel.

 Frequency: On occasion.

 Hour Burden Estimate: The estimated annual burden remains 1,478

hours.

 Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C.

Chapter 35, as amended.

 Dated: February 26, 2018.

James D. Roppel,

U.S. Coast Guard, Acting Chief, Office of Information Management.

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