

## HOUSTON/GALVESTON NAVIGATION SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The U.S. Coast Guard is seeking applications for appointment to membership on the Houston/Galveston Navigation Safety Advisory Committee. Completed applications should be postmarked no later than October 15, 2001.

Persons interested in applying should contact CDR Peter S. Simons, USCG, at (713) 671-5164, FAX (713) 671-5159, email [psimons@vtshouston.uscg.mil](mailto:psimons@vtshouston.uscg.mil), or write to Commanding Officer, Vessel Traffic Service Houston/Galveston, 9640 Clinton Drive, Houston, TX 77029-4328.

The purpose of the committee is to provide local expertise to the Coast Guard on such matters as communications, surveillance, traffic control, anchorages, aids to navigation, and other related topics dealing with navigation safety in the Houston/Galveston area. The committee normally meets three times a year at various locations in the Houston/Galveston area. Members serve voluntarily, without compensation from the Federal Government for salary, travel, or per diem. Members are appointed to two-year terms.

The Committee consists of 18 members, who have particular expertise, knowledge, and experience regarding the transportation, equipment, and techniques that are used to ship cargo and to navigate vessels in the inshore and the offshore waters of the Gulf of Mexico:

(1) Two members employed by the Port of Houston Authority or have been selected by that entity to represent them.

(2) Two members employed by the Port of Galveston or the Texas City Port Complex or have been selected by those entities to represent them.

(3) Two members from organizations that represent ship owners, stevedores, shipyards, or shipping organizations domiciled in the State of Texas.

(4) Two members who represent organizations that operate tugs or barges which use the port facilities at Galveston, Houston, and Texas City.

(5) Two members who represent shipping companies that transport cargo from the Ports of Galveston and Houston on liners, break bulk, or tramp steamer vessels.

(6) Two members who pilot or command vessels that use the Ports of Galveston and Houston.

(7) Two at-large members who may represent a particular interest group but who use the port facilities at Galveston, Houston, and Texas City.

(8) One member from labor organizations that load and unload cargo at the Ports of Galveston and Houston.

(9) One member who represents licensed merchant mariners other than pilots, who perform shipboard duties on vessels that use the port facilities of Galveston and Houston.

(10) One member who represents environmental interests.

(11) One member who represents the general public. (Successful candidates for the general public category will be required to complete a Confidential Financial Disclosure Report.)

In support of the policy of the Department of Transportation on gender and ethnic diversity, the Coast Guard encourages applications from qualified women and members of minority groups.