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LETTER OF DESIGNATION AS OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH VESSEL:
R/V LADY B, O.N. 679663

The vessel listed above is reported to meet the requirements of Title 46, United States Code (USC), Section 2101 (18) and Title 46, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 3, as oceanographic research vessel and is so designated.


The designation as an oceanographic research vessel is valid provided the vessel is employed exclusively in oceanographic research or instruction. This designation precludes the vessel from engaging in activities that are not exclusively in the area of oceanographic research or instruction. Such activities may include the carriage of freight or passengers, towing and salvage, testing of navigation or sonar equipment, archaeology, seamanship, scuba diving instruction, or other studies.

Designation as an oceanographic research vessel under the provisions of 46 USC 2101(18) exempts this vessel from most of the inspection laws of the United States. However, the requirements of 46 CFR Parts, 24 through 26 (Uninspected Vessels), are still applicable. Oceanographic research vessels, by legal opinion, are considered merchant vessels of the United States and are subject to the manning requirements of 46 USC 8104.

If the above referenced vessel operates in a manner deviating from exclusive oceanographic research operations, this letter becomes null and void. The vessel may then be subject to inspection by the U. S. Coast Guard and may be found to be in violation of the applicable inspection statutes.

This designation remains valid until July 1, 2010, provided that the operating conditions remain essentially unchanged from the time of designation. Any such change or deviation must be reported to the U. S. Coast Guard. It is incumbent upon the owner/operator to request a renewal of this classification and/or notify the cognizant Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection of any change to the vessel's employment.

Sincerely,


B. K. GOVE
Commander, U.S. Coast Guard
Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection

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11 AM
FL 4751 DA 24 FT
#2 AQUA SPAC
inspected
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