

Seventh Coast Guard District
Prevention Division

Certificate of Alternative Compliance

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In the matter of the application of East Island Excursions, Inc., P.O. box 1270, Fajardo, Puerto Rico, 00738, for a Certificate of Alternative Compliance under the International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea, 1972 (72 COLREGS) and the Alternative Compliance Regulation (33 CFR 81):

By written application dated 12 MAY 2014, Mr. Arturo Quinones requested a Certificate of Alternative Compliance for Annex I for CARIBE SPIRIT, which carries U.S. Coast Guard Official Number CG124856. The vessel's area of operation will be lakes, bays and sounds plus limited coastwise.

The Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, certifies that full compliance with the 72 COLREGS by this vessel of unique construction and purpose would interfere with its special function. The vessel's configuration is such that it has a greater ratio of beam to length than a conventional mono-hull, and has a top deck located 3.61 meters above the waterline. Therefore, if a mast with a length of 5.8 meters is installed so the height of the masthead light could meet the regulations, it would be freestanding, supported by wires, and present an unnecessary risk to the safety of the ship and passengers when the vessel is travelling at its design rated speed of 30 knots. The light installed at station 31 at a height of 4.21 meters (13.8 feet) above the main deck will still present an unbroken arc of light.

This Certificate authorizes the placement of the vessel's masthead light at station 31, and 4.21 meters (13.8 feet) above the main deck .

Pursuant to the authority in the International Navigation Rules Act of 1977 (91 Stat. 308; 33 USC 1601-1608), the application for a Certificate of Alternative Compliance for the CARIBE SPIRIT is hereby granted.

This Certificate of Alternative Compliance shall terminate if the design of the vessel is altered from that for which this Certificate is issued; or if the vessel ceases to be usually engaged in the operation for which the certificate is issued.



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By direction of the District Commander