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East Island Excursions Inc.
Attn: Charles A. Rivera-Medina
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to your letter dated February 25, 2019, concerning special consideration for the CARIBE SPIRIT (O.N. 1242856) and the TROPICAL ESCAPE (O.N. 1081061) to depart from the requirements of Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 26. Specifically, you request to substitute one of the two fixed VHF radio stations with a portable, hand-held radio.

After careful review of your request, I have decided to grant it as allowed under Title 46, CFR Part 175.550. This approval for special consideration is contingent upon the following conditions:

- The vessels must be able to monitor Channels 16 and 22A, simultaneously.
- The master of each vessel must test and ensure that both radios are operational prior to getting underway.

This approval is granted only for the Sector San Juan AOR and for the operational routes as indicated in the vessels' Certificate of Inspection. This letter must be on-board your vessel at all times. If you have any questions regarding this determination, you may contact the Inspections Division, Domestic Branch at (787)-289-2064.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. M. ROSARIO".

J. M. ROSARIO
Commander, U. S. Coast Guard
Chief, Prevention Department
By direction