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Serial: H1-2600602  
February 26, 2026

Gold Coast Yachts, Inc.  
Attn: Mr. Austin Moore  
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Subj: PRINCESS GRACE, O.N. 1346692, Gold Coast Yachts Hull No. GCY147  
EAST WIND II, O.N. 1363869, Gold Coast Yachts Hull No. GCY150  
64.4' x 29.7' x 4.3' Auxiliary Sailing Catamaran Small Passenger Vessels (T)  
Fire Retardant Resin Equivalency

Ref: (a) Gold Coast Yachts Doc., "EAST WIND II Fire Retardancy," 1 page, dated  
February 25, 2026  
(b) ASTM E84, "Standard Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building  
Materials"  
(c) Our letter Serial No. H1-2303089 dated August 30, 2023

Dear Mr. Moore:

We reviewed reference (a), submitted by your correspondence dated February 25, 2026 (MSC Document No. 2611327), for compliance with 46 CFR Subchapter T and reference (b). Your equivalency request in reference (a) is **Approved**. The installation, workmanship and testing shall be accomplished to the satisfaction of the cognizant Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection (OCMI). The following comments apply:

1. Reference (a) details your request for an equivalency for the structural fire protection and fire retardant resin requirements of 46 CFR 177.410(b). You have indicated that the laminates used in the construction of the subject vessels meet the fire retardancy requirements of 46 CFR 177.410(b)(5) based upon burn testing previously reviewed by our office in reference (c).
2. All comments in reference (c) apply to the subject vessels. If deemed necessary by the OCMI, the laminates may require repeat testing to verify the fire retardancy properties.
3. You must provide the cognizant OCMI a copy of the plans and test results examined in reference (c).

As an agreed-upon condition of your participation in the Marine Safety Center's electronic commerce program, you must provide the OCMI with a copy of this letter and reference (a).

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Our Project Number for PRINCESS GRACE, Gold Coast Yachts Hull No. GCY147, is P024659. Our Project Number for EAST WIND II, Gold Coast Yachts Hull No. GCY150, is P025161. Please ensure that all future correspondence includes the respective vessel's Project Number and Official Number that appears in the subject line.

Please contact LT Maxwell Buchanan at (206) 827-3614 with questions concerning our review.

Sincerely,



Z. B. ROBERTSON  
Commander, U.S. Coast Guard  
Chief, Hull Division  
By direction

Copy: Commander, Coast Guard Sector San Juan, Prevention Department  
Supervisor, Resident Inspection Office St. Croix