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To facilitate the hosting in the United States of the 34th America's Cup by authorizing certain eligible vessels to participate in activities related to the competition, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HERGER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “America's Cup Act
5 of 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1 (1) 34TH AMERICA’S CUP.—The term “34th
2 America’s Cup”—

3 (A) means the sailing competitions, com-
4 mencing in 2011, to be held in the United
5 States in response to the challenge to the de-
6 fending team from the United States, in accord-
7 ance with the terms of the America’s Cup gov-
8 erning Deed of Gift, dated October 24, 1887;
9 and

10 (B) if a United States yacht club success-
11 fully defends the America’s Cup, includes addi-
12 tional sailing competitions conducted by Amer-
13 ica’s Cup Race Management during the 1-year
14 period beginning on the last date of such de-
15 fense.

16 (2) AMERICA’S CUP RACE MANAGEMENT.—The
17 term “America’s Cup Race Management” means the
18 entity established to provide for independent, profes-
19 sional, and neutral race management of the Amer-
20 ica’s Cup sailing competitions.

21 (3) ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATION.—The term
22 “Eligibility Certification” means a certification
23 issued under section 4.

1 (4) ELIGIBLE VESSEL.—The term “eligible ves-
2 sel” means a competing vessel or supporting vessel
3 of any registry that—

4 (A) is recognized by America’s Cup Race
5 Management as an official competing vessel, or
6 supporting vessel of, the 34th America’s Cup,
7 as evidenced in writing to the Administrator of
8 the Maritime Administration of the Department
9 of Transportation;

10 (B) transports not more than 25 individ-
11 uals, in addition to the crew;

12 (C) is not a ferry (as defined under section
13 2101(10b) of title 46, United States Code);

14 (D) does not transport individuals in point-
15 to-point service for hire; and

16 (E) does not transport merchandise be-
17 tween ports in the United States.

18 (5) SUPPORTING VESSEL.—The term “sup-
19 porting vessel” means a vessel that is operating in
20 support of the 34th America’s Cup by—

21 (A) positioning a competing vessel on the
22 race course;

23 (B) transporting equipment and supplies
24 utilized for the staging, operations, or broadcast
25 of the competition; or

(C) transporting individuals who—

(i) have not purchased tickets or directly paid for their passage; and

(ii) who are engaged in the staging, operations, or broadcast of the competition, race team personnel, members of the media, or event sponsors.

SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF ELIGIBLE VESSELS.

Notwithstanding sections 55102, 55103, and 55111 of title 46, United States Code, an eligible vessel, operating only in preparation for, or in connection with, the 34th America's Cup competition, may position competing vessels and may transport individuals and equipment and supplies utilized for the staging, operations, or broadcast of the competition from and around the ports in the United States.

SEC. 4. CERTIFICATION.

(a) REQUIREMENT.—A vessel may not operate under section 3 unless the vessel has received an Eligibility Certification.

(b) ISSUANCE.—The Administrator of the Maritime Administration of the Department of Transportation is authorized to issue an Eligibility Certification with respect to any vessel that the Administrator determines, in his or

1 her sole discretion, meets the requirements set forth in
2 section 2(4).

3 **SEC. 5. ENFORCEMENT.**

4 Notwithstanding sections 55102, 55103, and 55111
5 of title 46, United States Code, an Eligibility Certification
6 shall be conclusive evidence to the Secretary of the De-
7 partment of Homeland Security of the qualification of the
8 vessel for which it has been issued to participate in the
9 34th America's Cup as a competing vessel or a supporting
10 vessel.

11 **SEC. 6. PENALTY.**

12 Any vessel participating in the 34th America's Cup
13 as a competing vessel or supporting vessel that has not
14 received an Eligibility Certification or is not in compliance
15 with section 12112 of title 46, United States Code, shall
16 be subject to the applicable penalties provided in chapters
17 121 and 551 of title 46, United States Code.

18 **SEC. 7. WAIVERS.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding sections 12112
20 and 12132 and chapter 551 of title 46, United States
21 Code, the Secretary of the department in which the Coast
22 Guard is operating may issue a certificate of documenta-
23 tion with a coastwise endorsement for each of the following
24 vessels:

1 (1) M/V GEYSIR (United States official num-
2 ber 622178).

3 (2) MACY–RENEE (United States official
4 number 1107319).

5 (3) OCEAN VERITAS (IMO number
6 7366805).

7 (4) LUNA (United States official number
8 280133).

9 (5) IL MORO DI VENEZIA IV (United States
10 official number 1028654).

11 (b) DOCUMENTATION OF LNG TANKERS.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding sections
13 12112 and 12132 and chapter 551 of title 46,
14 United States Code, the Secretary of the department
15 in which the Coast Guard is operating may issue a
16 certificate of documentation with a coastwise en-
17 dorsement for each of the following vessels:

18 (A) LNG GEMINI (United States official
19 number 595752).

20 (B) LNG LEO (United States official
21 number 595753).

22 (C) LNG VIRGO (United States official
23 number 595755).

24 (2) LIMITATION ON OPERATION.—Coastwise
25 trade authorized under paragraph (1) shall be lim-

1 ited to carriage of natural gas, as that term is de-
2 fined in section 3(13) of the Deepwater Port Act of
3 1974 (33 U.S.C. 1502(13)).

4 (3) TERMINATION OF EFFECTIVENESS OF EN-
5 DORSEMENTS.—The coastwise endorsement issued
6 under paragraph (1) for a vessel shall expire on the
7 date of the sale of the vessel by the owner of the ves-
8 sel on the date of enactment of this Act to a person
9 who is not related by ownership or control to such
10 owner.

11 (c) OPERATION OF A DRY DOCK.—A vessel trans-
12 ported in Dry Dock #2 (State of Alaska registration
13 AIDEA FDD-2) is not merchandise for purposes of sec-
14 tion 55102 of title 46, United States Code, if, during such
15 transportation, Dry Dock #2 remains connected by a util-
16 ity or other connecting line to pierside moorage.

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