

## 2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: National Navigation Safety Advisory Committee

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<b>1. Department or Agency</b>	<b>2. Fiscal Year</b>
Department of Homeland Security	2024
<b>3. Committee or Subcommittee</b>	<b>3b. GSA Committee No.</b>
National Navigation Safety Advisory Committee	695

<b>4. Is this New Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>5. Current Charter</b>	<b>6. Expected Renewal Date</b>	<b>7. Expected Term Date</b>
No	10/11/2022	10/11/2024	09/30/2029

<b>8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>8b. Specific Termination Authority</b>	<b>8c. Actual Term Date</b>
No		

<b>9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year</b>	<b>10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?</b>	<b>10b. Legislation Pending?</b>
Continue	No	Not Applicable

**11. Establishment Authority** Statutory (Congress Created)

<b>12. Specific Establishment Authority</b>	<b>13. Effective Date</b>	<b>14. Committee Type</b>	<b>14c. Presidential?</b>
§ 601 of the Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018, Pub. L. No. 115-282, 132 Stat. 4192 and is codified in 46 U.S.C. § 15107	12/04/2018	Continuing	No

**15. Description of Committee** National Policy Issue Advisory Board

**16a. Total Number of Reports** No Reports for this Fiscal Year

**17a. Open** 1 **17b. Closed** 0 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 1

## Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
Semi-Annual Meeting	04/01/2024	- 04/02/2024

### Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	Current FY	Next FY
<b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.00	0.00

### 20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The National Navigation Safety Advisory Committee (NNAVSAC) provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), through the Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, on matters relating to maritime collisions, ramming's, and groundings; Inland Rules of the Road; International Rules of the Road; navigation regulations and equipment; routing measures;

marine information; and aids to navigation systems.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

NNAVSAC is composed of not more than 21 members who are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Secretary of DHS. Each member shall have particular expertise, knowledge and experience in maritime collisions, rammings, and groundings; Inland Rules of the Road; International Rules of the Road; navigation regulations and equipment; routing measures; marine information; and aids to navigation systems. To assure balanced representation, members shall be appointed to represent the viewpoints and interests of one of the following groups or organizations, and at least one member shall be appointed to represent each membership category: (a) Commercial vessel owners or operators; (b) Professional mariners; (c) Recreational boaters; (d) the recreational boating industry; (e) State agencies responsible for vessel or port safety; and (f) The Maritime Law Association. Additional persons may be appointed to panels of the Committee to assist the Committee in the performance of its functions.

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

NNAVSAC normally meets twice a year; once in the spring and once in the fall. NNAVSAC's recommendations on important issues often form the basis for regulatory changes. The US Coast Guard's review of safety issues requires continued access to NNAVSAC's expertise and advice. NNAVSAC has proven to be an effective forum for developing consensus on contentious issues. In FY23, a hybrid meeting was held in the spring and

a virtual meeting was held in the summer.

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

NNAVSAC's broad representation provides the US Coast Guard a forum that is otherwise unavailable to evaluate the impact of proposed US Coast Guard actions, to identify navigation safety issues needing US Coast Guard attention, and to generate informed solutions to navigation safety issues. Because of the expertise of Committee members and its reputation in the maritime community, NNAVSAC has become a forum where members of the public bring contentious issues for advice.

**20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

N/A

**21. Remarks**

Under 46 U.S.C. § 15109(m), the Committee is authorized to continue until September 30, 2029.

**Designated Federal Officer**

Steven Ramassini Chief, Office of Navigation Systems

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Allen, Craig	01/19/2021	12/31/2024	Professor	Representative Member
Anderson, David	01/19/2021	12/31/2024	Director of Operations	Representative Member
Boyer, Harold	01/19/2021	12/31/2024	Operations Director	Representative Member
Bushy, Thomas	01/19/2021	12/31/2024	Deputy Commissioner of Pilots, Massachusetts	Representative Member
Callahan, Patrick	01/19/2021	12/31/2024	Port Captain	Representative Member
Carney, David	01/19/2021	12/31/2024	Vessel Master	Representative Member

Coleman, Earnesto	01/19/2021	12/31/2024	Safety Coordinator	Representative Member
Cowan, Jeffrey	01/19/2021	12/31/2024	Liasion, Council of American Master Mariners	Representative Member
Dayton, Timothy	01/19/2021	12/31/2024	Professional Mariner	Representative Member
Dogan, Thomas	01/19/2021	12/31/2024	Attorney	Representative Member
Gifford, Charles	01/19/2021	12/31/2024	Maritime Consultant	Representative Member
Grubbs, Douglas	01/19/2021	12/31/2024	Retired River Pilot	Representative Member
Hanchrow, Gregory	01/19/2021	12/31/2024	Senior Port Captain	Representative Member
Hearn, John	01/19/2021	12/31/2024	Vessel Master	Representative Member
Hopkins, Stephen	01/19/2021	12/31/2024	Retired Vessel Master	Representative Member
Kurtz, Carolyn	01/19/2021	12/31/2024	First Class Pilot	Representative Member
Lumian, David	01/19/2021	12/31/2024	Chair, Small Craft Harbor Safety Commisssion	Representative Member
Madden, Richard	01/19/2021	12/31/2024	Vessel Master	Representative Member
Murphy, Mark	01/19/2021	12/31/2024	General Manager	Representative Member
Savoie, Keith	01/19/2021	12/31/2024	Operations Manager	Representative Member
Sump, David	01/19/2021	12/31/2024	Attorney	Representative Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 21**

### **Narrative Description**

Task Statements 21-01, 23-02, and 23-03 were resolved and Task Statement 23-01 was partially resolved during the spring hybrid meeting. The Committee met virtually in the summer to finalize the resolution for Task Statement 23-01.

**What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?**

Checked if  
Applies

Improvements to health or safety



Trust in government



Major policy changes



Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Outcome Comments

The Committee advises the US Coast Guard of safety of navigation issues that may be used to formulate regulatory proposals. It also serves as to inform their constituent interest groups of agency actions and recommendations.

### What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Cost Savings Comments

N/A

### What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

7

### Number of Recommendations Comments

The Coast Guard presented three new task statements to the Committee: NNAVSAC Task Statement 23-01: Review of Draft Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular (NVIC) on Navigation Safety in and around Offshore Renewable Energy Installations (OREI). NNAVSAC Task Statement 23-02: Defining the term “prudent mariner” referenced in the regulations, on nautical charts and in navigation publications. NNAVSAC Task Statement

23-03: Recommendation to clarify the term “crosses a navigational channel” as used in Rules of the Road, Rule 27. All three were resolved, in addition to one task statement from 2021: NNAVSAC Task Statement 21-01: Electronic Charts and Navigational Equipment Carriage Requirements

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?**

100%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

In FY23, five Task Statements were resolved and accepted for implementation. NNAVSAC Resolution 23-02: The Committee provided NNAVSAC Resolution 23-02 which defined the term “prudent mariner” referenced in the regulations, on nautical charts and in navigation publications. The Coast Guard accepted the definition and will utilize it if/when queried about the term in our regulations and publications. NNAVSAC Resolution 23-03: The Committee provided NNAVSAC Resolution 23-03 which clarified the term “crosses a navigational channel” as used in Rules of the Road, Rule 27. In addition, the resolution recommended that 33 CFR 83.27 be revised to remove special lighting methods. The Coast Guard accepted the resolution and will amend the Rules of the Road in a future rulemaking. NNAVSAC Resolution 21-01 and Annex A: The Committee provided NNAVSAC Resolution 21-01 entitled “Electronic Charts and Navigational Equipment Carriage Requirements” which included five (5) recommendations for the implementation and maintenance of an electronic chart system that should be, at a minimum, equivalent to a paper chart inventory or vice versa. The Coast Guard accepted the resolution and Annex A and will include input from the resolution and Annex in a future rulemaking. NNAVSAC Resolution 23-01A: The Committee provided NNAVSAC Resolution 23-01A entitled “Review of Draft Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular (NVIC) on Navigation Safety in and around Offshore Renewable Energy Installations (OREI)”. The resolution acknowledged the review and provided a draft NVIC and recommended the Coast Guard use the draft as a final NVIC.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

0%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

N/A

**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to**

**implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

**Agency Feedback Comments**

The US Coast Guard provides feedback on the status of all NNAVSAC recommendations at subsequent meetings.

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Action Comments**

NA

**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

**Grant Review Comments**

N/A

**How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Access Comments**

N/A