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Ms. Margaret Ramsey  
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Dear Ms. Ramsey:

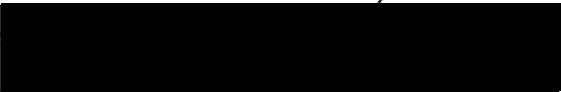
This letter is in response to your telephonic request for clarification regarding BOUNTY (O.N. 960956) and operations permitted on the vessel's present world voyage.

As a "pleasure yacht not engaged in trade", the vessel can embark non-paying guests while the vessel is both moored and underway. Additionally, a trip sponsored by corporate donations where individual guests have not contributed for their carriage and are carried for morale or entertainment purposes does not constitute exchange of consideration. Absent consideration, there is no passenger for hire aspect present and the operation is recreational in nature.

The vessel may operate as a moored attraction vessel and may embark passengers for a fee. This operation must comply with the provisions of the Attraction Vessel Certificate of Inspection issued by the Coast Guard and any requirements mandated by local Port State Control Authorities.

Lastly, in the event you have questions concerning this letter, please contact Mr. Scott Kuhaneck at the telephone number provided above. In closing, I wish you the very best in your coming operations with BOUNTY.

Sincerely,

  
M. B. Karr  
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard  
Chief, Office of Vessel Activities  
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