

Memorandum of Understanding between NYCDOT  
and USCG

Dated July 6, 2001

For a temporary “non ferry route excursion permit” and  
extension of the operating route of the Alice Austen

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Iris Weinshall, Commissioner

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE UNITED COAST  
GUARD, ACTIVITIES NEW YORK AND NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION, DIVISION OF PASSENGER TRANSPORT

This memorandum of understanding is for a temporary "non ferry route excursion permit", and extension of the operating route of the Alice Austen official number D696013 and the John Noble official number D696014 to Bays, Lakes and sounds for sub chapter H passenger vessels.

The route extension will be from the Verrazano narrows bridge to steeplechase pier at Coney Island, Brooklyn for the following dates, July 14, 15, 24, 25 and August 13, 14, 17, 18, 2001.

The following conditions will be met in order to comply with the regulations and safety concerns regarding this request:

In addition to the vessel being in full compliance with all normal operating, navigating, safety, fire and emergency requirements the vessel will not carry more than 1000 passengers and 6 deckhands will be onboard when engaged in this service.

As soon as the vessel gets under way safety announcements will be made regarding the location of life jackets and the posted instruction plaques.

The passenger capacity of life rafts will be increased to 10% (100 people).

The following route will be followed and monitored by Vessel Traffic Service in order to maintain a water depth of less 33 feet for the majority of the route.

Beginning at the Upper Bay, 2 buoy to the Brooklyn side abutment of the Verrazano narrows bridge. From the bridge to inside the Gravesend Bay anchorage area (north of) the A, B and C Gravesend Bay anchorage buoys. From the C buoy to the 10 buoy at Norton's Point. From the 10 Buoy to the 6 buoy Coney Island channel then into Steeplechase pier. The return trip will be the reverse.

The following locations will be checkpoints between the vessel and Vessel Traffic Service; Departing or arrival at any landing site, North side of the Verrazano Bridge and Norton's Point.

An operating global positioning navigation system with a plotter will be onboard the vessel.

Exact passenger counts will be taken and logged.

New York City Police officers will be onboard whenever the vessel is engaged in this service with passengers onboard.

When loading and discharging passengers the vessel will be secured to the barge with bowlines from both bows of the vessel to the barge.

The vessel will not sail over the extended route during posted small craft warning conditions.

A tugboat will be available to get underway immediately rather than the normal 2-hour response time.

The transfer barge will be spudded, and moored with anchors.

The pier, barge and gangway will be brightly lit for passenger safety.

The gangway will meet ASTM 1188.

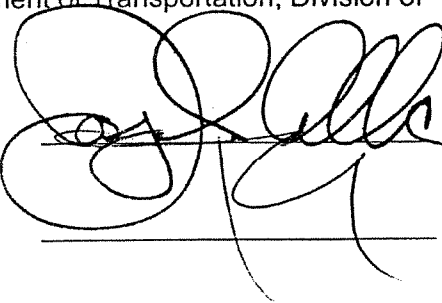
The guard rails on the gangway and barge will meet 46 CFR.72-40.

Prior to this service being initiated the safe operation of the vessel operation and docking system will be demonstrated to the satisfaction of representatives of the United States Coast Guard.

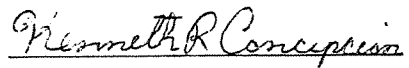
Signed and dated by New York City Department of Transportation, Division of Passenger Transport representatives.

Commissioner Joseph Albano

Captain Patrick J Ryan

 (7/6/01)  
7/6/01

Signed and dated by  
United States Coast Guard representatives.

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