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Subject: Niagara round trip to Cleveland

Good morning CWO4 Ellison,

I write on behalf of the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission (PHMC).

As you are aware, the U.S. Brig *Niagara* underwent repairs at Great Lakes Shipyard in Cleveland, Ohio from October 25 through November 8, 2024. PHMC is committed to complying with all maritime regulations in the operation of *Niagara*. As such, we write to self-report the details of a potential violation of 46 USC § 8103(b)(1)(A) in the manning of the vessel for voyage to and from the shipyard. We are available to discuss at your convenience.

Vessel Name: NIAGARA
Vessel Number: 978478

Voyage from Erie, PA to Cleveland, OH

Thursday, October 24, 2024, arriving the morning of Friday, October 25, 2024

Crew	Position	Citizenship
[REDACTED]	Captain	USA
	Chief Mate	USA
	Second Mate/Engineer	CAN
	AB	CAN
	AB	CAN
	AB	CAN
	AB	USA

Voyage from Cleveland, OH to Erie, PA

Friday, November 8, 2024, arriving the morning of Saturday, November 9, 2024

Crew	Position	Citizenship
[REDACTED]	Captain	USA
	Chief Mate	USA
	Second Engineer	USA

		Second Mate	USA
		Engineer	USA
		Third Mate	CAN
		AB	CAN
		AB	USA

Pertinent detail of note:

- *Niagara's* COI is in temporary inactive status as the vessel will be out of service through spring of 2026, undergoing extensive repairs. The voyages outlined above were not for commercial or SSV purposes but rather solely to deliver *Niagara* to shipyard for initial repairs and return her to her homeport at the Erie Maritime Museum.

PHMC is happy to answer any questions or provide more information on this matter. We are moving forward with plans to send *Niagara* to shipyard for more extensive repairs in spring of 2025 and want to continue to ensure that all operations adhere to legal requirements. We greatly appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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