

U.S. Department of
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**United States
Coast Guard**



Commander
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February 10, 2025

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Erie Maritime Museum/PHMC
Flagship Niagara
150 East Front St., Suite 100
Erie, Pennsylvania 16507

Dear Sir:

A U.S. Coast Guard investigation into the operation of *Niagara* (O.N. 978478), a designated sailing school vessel owned and operated by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Erie Maritime Museum, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC), discovered PHMC violated federal U.S. citizen requirements during an October 24, 2024, voyage on Lake Erie from Erie, Pennsylvania to Cleveland Ohio. The following violation was discovered:

Violation Cite: U.S. Citizenship Required, 46 United States Code (USC) § 8103(b).

To wit: While *Niagara* was underway on October 24, 2024, the vessel was not crewed with at least 75 percent of U.S. citizens, a violation of 46 USC § 8103(b).

It was determined that justice will be best served by issuing PHMC a warning rather than pursuing a monetary penalty for the conduct as set forth above. You are advised that this warning will become a matter of U.S. Coast Guard record and will be considered for any future enforcement actions against PHMC. By accepting this warning, you are not admitting any civil liability on your part or on the part of *Niagara's* owner(s) and operator(s). You may accept or decline this warning by indicating your choice below. Sign and date below and return a copy to the address above within 30 days of receipt. Failure to return a signed copy will result in the U.S. Coast Guard considering this warning accepted. Should you choose to decline this warning, civil penalty proceedings will be initiated against PHMC in accordance with 33 Code of Federal Regulation § 1.07. If you have any questions, you may contact me at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

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JESSE GARRANT
Investigating Officer
U.S. Coast Guard
By direction

I hereby accept / decline the above-mentioned warning.

[Signature]

2/28/2025
Date