

Craft Routinely Operated Dockside

In accordance with a recent [Supreme Court Decision](#), the Coast Guard will no longer inspect permanently moored craft or issue Certificates of Inspection to such craft unless a craft demonstrates that it is a vessel, capable of being used as a means of transportation on the water. The [Federal Register dated May 11, 2009](#) discusses the implications of the Supreme Court decision and responds to comments received in response to a [2004 Federal Register](#) notice that proposed a policy for permanently moored vessel.

The Coast Guard recently determined the number of large passenger vessels (subchapter H) and the number of small passenger vessels (both subchapters K and T) it inspects and the number of inspected passenger barges on May 3, 2012. That information is provided here for information in connection with our C-ROD policy. We did this by sorting the information in our Marine Safety and Information and Law Enforcement System (MISLE) data base as indicated in the header of the document titled: [Passenger Vessel Population 3 May 2012](#).

Since the promulgation of the C-ROD Policy in May 2009, an estimated 21 passenger craft have been deemed permanently moored craft and determined not to meet the definition of vessel as defined in this policy. These craft ceased to be inspected by the Coast Guard and oversight was handed over to the appropriate state authorities.

The Coast Guard also recently estimated the number of permanently moored tank barges operated as floating storage tanks and that do not meet the definition of vessel as defined in the C-ROD policy. These craft are limited to use in the Eighth Coast Guard District located along the Gulf of Mexico coast and the inland river system. The Coast Guard conservatively estimates this number to be 149. This estimate is based upon a survey of Coast Guard field units in the Eighth Coast Guard District conducted between May 4th and 7th 2012. As there are no requirements for operators of these craft to report to the Coast Guard and many are located in remote areas, it is likely the number of such craft is higher than the estimate.