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DATE: February 26, 2019

Mr. William O'Hanley
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PO Box 479
Newport, RI 02840

Dear Mr. O'Hanley,

Thank you for submitting an Application for Approval of Marine Event for the **Shields Wednesday Night Series, scheduled for May 8th through October 2nd, 2019**. I have reviewed your application and determined that your event does not require a Coast Guard permit because it does not meet all of the following criteria:

1. An organized event
2. Of limited duration
3. With a prearranged schedule
4. Likely to interfere with navigation
5. Likely to introduce any extra or unusual hazards
6. Navigation cannot be addressed through the Rules of the Road

If there are any substantive changes to your event, please contact the Coast Guard. Substantive changes may include the number of participants and/or expected spectators, location, or any other significant changes that may necessitate reconsideration as to whether a permit is required.

Although a Coast Guard permit is not required, you are still responsible for the overall safety of the event, for obtaining appropriate permits from other Federal, State, or local authorities, and for complying with all existing Federal, State, and local laws and other requirements that may impact your ability to hold your event as proposed. ***The Coast Guard strongly recommends that you require all participants and support personnel to properly wear personal flotation devices (i.e., lifejackets) at all times while actively engaged in this event.***

I sincerely appreciate your proactive effort in bringing your event to my attention. Because of the dynamic nature of the waterway, boating, and maritime activities, the Coast Guard carefully considers the totality of the risks associated with each event on a case-by-case basis when determining whether a permit is required. ***While a Coast Guard permit is not required for this occasion, you must continue to submit an Application for Approval of Marine Event for this and any similar events you may sponsor in the future.***

Please contact my Marine Events staff at (401) 435-2317 or (401) 435-2384 should you have any comments, questions, concerns, or should there be any substantive changes to your event.

Best wishes for a safe and successful event.

Sincerely,

EDWARD G. LEBLANC
Chief, Waterways Management Division
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