



Jones Act Waiver

Western Regional Emergency Fuel Coordination Meeting

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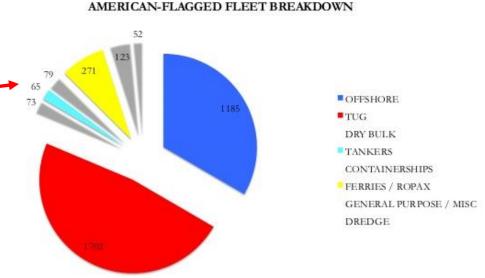
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Jones Act - Origins



- Merchant Marine Act of 1920, §27, P.L. 66-261
- Vessels transporting cargo between two U.S. points
 - U.S. flagged
 - Constructed in a U.S. shipyard
 - At least 75 percent owned by U.S. citizens
 - Crewed by U.S. citizens
 - Follow U.S. safety regulations
- Only small portion tankers
 - 65 vessels -
 - Less than 2 percent



Source: Karatzas Marine Advisors & Co.

U.S. Customs and

Border Protection

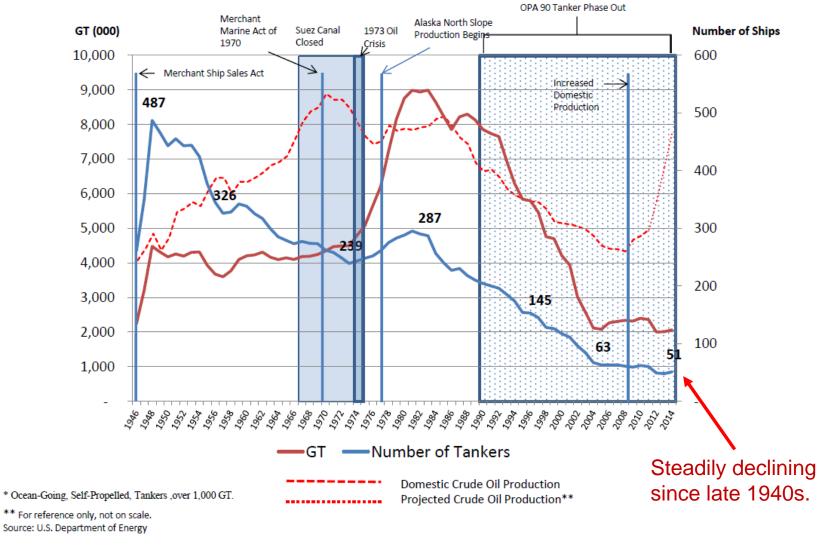




U.S.-Flag Privately-Owned Tanker Fleet 1946-2014*



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Fewer Assets Along West Coast



JONES ACT VESSELS – LARGER (NON-ALASKAN) VESSELS DEPLOYED IN PETROLEUM SERVICE

Excludes 11 Alaska crude tankers

Kbbl (1)(2)	U.S. Gulf - Clean	U.S. Gulf - Chemicals	U.S. Gulf - Crude Oil	West Coast (3)	MSC (4)	Total
Tankers	2,905	623	4,698	2,356	660	11,242
ATBs	3,708	1,008	2,699	1,365	0	8,780
Tankers & ATBs	6,613	1,631	7,397	3,721	660	20,022
% of Capacity	33%	8%	37%	19%	3%	100%
# Vessels (1)(2)	U.S. Gulf	U.S. Gulf	U.S. Gulf	West	MSC (4)	Total
	- Clean	- Chemicals	- Crude Oil	Coast (3)	11150(-1)	local
Tankers					2	33
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	- Clean 9	- Chemicals 2	- Crude Oil 13	Coast (3) 7	2	33

1 – Source: Navigistics Consulting, http://www.navigistics.com/

2 - Does not include the 350+ kbbl Alaskan tanker fleet, nor does it include tank barges less than 140 kbbl.

3 - Primarily clean product service; some dirty product and crude

4 - Military Sealift Command

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Majority of larger product tankers operating outside of the West Coast.

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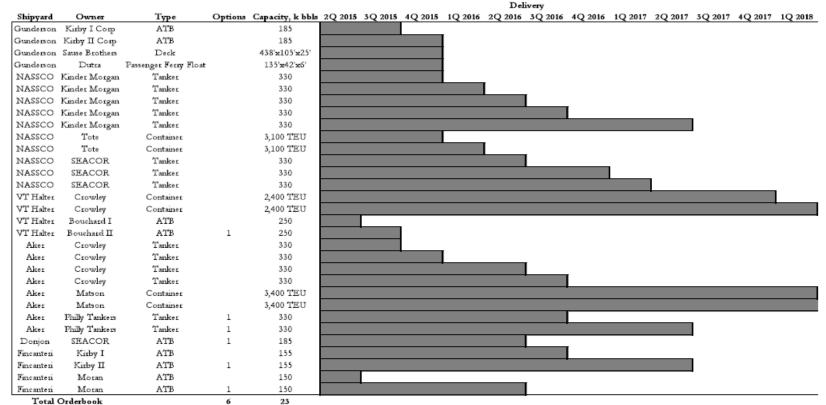
Additional Tankers On Order



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Jones Act Vessel Orderbook December 2014

>150 kbbl tan k barge



*Orderbook as % of existing fleet

*excluding options

Total product tanker fleet could see some growth, absent additional retirements.

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34%













- Weather related events most recent examples of Jones Act waivers being issued; primarily US Gulf and Atlantic Coasts
 - Hurricane Katrina and Rita (2005); Hurricane Sandy (2012)
 - During Katrina, DHS issued 18-day waiver for crude/product movements from SPR
 - During Rita, DHS issued similar 30-day waiver
 - Significant resistance from shipping industry in both cases
 - During Sandy, DHS granted 12-day waiver for product movements from USGC to NE
 - During Sandy, shipping industry did not object to short-term waiver due to political optics
- West Coast supply shortages have not been the subject of Jones Act Waivers – Notwithstanding significant product shortages/price impacts in several instances

Source: Turner, Mason & Company.











Jones Act Waiver



- Why pursue a Jones Act waiver?
- Catastrophic earthquake and anticipated subsequent regional fuel supply shortage
 - Want to maximize ability to bring in supply from outside the area
- In conjunction with fuel specification waivers
 - Closest marine source of fuel would be refineries in Washington state
 - Foreign flagged vessels may also be in transit with an export cargo that could be diverted to California
 - One cargo of 300,000 barrels is roughly 30 percent of California's average daily gasoline demand
- But how does this process work?













- U.S. Customs & Border Protection (US CBP) manages the process for waivers (issuing agency)
- US CBP receives requests and corresponds most rapidly via Phone #202-325-0030 (non-emergency)
- Secretary of Homeland Security (SECDHS) is the sole approving authority for waivers – there are two paths
- 46 USC 501.A
 - If Secretary of Defense (SECDEF) requests waiver then SECDHS approval is immediate
- The only legal basis for waiver is national defense; Commissioner of Customs has delegated authority for these approvals







Jones Act Waiver Process



- 46 USC 501.B
 - If the request is from other than SECDEF, then waiver can still be issued if signed by SECDHS.
 - US CBP's enforcement and administration of the Jones Act requires coordination with other interested agencies
 - USCG determines vessel eligibility for coastwise endorsement and issues certificates of documentation
 - U.S. Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration (MARAD) monitors and assesses the operating status of U.S.-flag vessels, and advises US CBP on such U.S. vessel availability
 - U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) monitors energy supply needs and advises US CBP during periods of actual or imminent shortages of energy on requests for waivers of the Jones Act
 - U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) ascertains the impact of certain energy supply situations on its operations, and whether a waiver request is in the interest of national defense







Jones Act Waiver Process



- Congressional involvement is required (within 48 hours of notification of request and waiver transactions)
 - House Armed Services Committee
 - House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
 - Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
 - Senate Armed Services Committee
- Waiver Letters require full description of:
 - Reason necessary, ports involved & time period
 - Why MARAD's recommendations are not feasible
- Law was changed in January 2013 (PL138) to increase process transparency
 - Inform SECTRANS, and Publish the final determination
- Waivers are exceptionally rare









Questions?



State Energy Officials



Source: Marine Log – photo of Magnolia State, May 2016.

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