



## ATLANTIC NORTHEAST SHORT SEA ROUTES

**Notes:** **Short Sea trailer shuttle:** see this issue. **Ro-ro Shelburne-Portsmouth:** see this issue. **Passenger Shelburne-Gloucester:** see issue 99#17. **Container feeder Halifax-Portsmouth:** see 4 June issue, Portsmouth. **Blue lines:** Bay Ferries and Northumberland Ferries, see this issue. Yarmouth-Bar Harbor: Prince of Fundy Cruise Lines.

Possible other calls. A MARAD official said the boat, once the service is working, could also stop in Bridgeport and at a point on Long Island, on inducement.

### Next step

Ashar said the next step was up to MARAD. NPWI had shown that the short sea concept was viable. The next stage should look at who will do it, and how it will be done. NPWI did talk to truckers who found the idea “interesting” but not enough to work on the concept. Tom Delaney of Columbia Coastal, which is operating the trial barge service between New York and Albany, is according to the MARAD official “very interested” but “it comes down to economic viability.”

Would MARAD [see box], which is sponsoring the short sea study, provide a subsidy? Kevin Krick of MARAD said his agency’s role was to provide the climate to promote short sea operations, and not look at the economics. Nevertheless, Schubert “has not ruled out a subsidy” and suggests CMAQ funds as a possible source. {ANR&P coverage and discussions with Ashar, MARAD, and Wellock}

### ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED IN SHORT SEA

#### MARAD

‘The overall mission of the Maritime Administration (MARAD) is to promote the development and maintenance of an adequate, well-

balanced United States merchant marine, sufficient to carry the Nation’s domestic waterborne commerce and a substantial portion of its waterborne foreign commerce, and capable of serving as a naval and military auxiliary in time of war or national emergency.

‘MARAD also seeks to ensure that the United States enjoys adequate shipbuilding and repair services, efficient ports, effective intermodal water and land transportation systems, and reserve shipping capacity in time of national emergency.’ {website}

#### National Ports and Waterways Institute

‘The institute provides factually and theoretically consistent input to the decision processes associated with the planning, development, and operation of ports, waterways, and maritime transportation systems in the United States and abroad. The institute’s efforts are related to strategic planning and analysis, information technology, economics, public policy, legislation, and regional development.’

It is one of four research entities which USDOT has designated as National Maritime Enhancement Institutes. {website}

#### Coastwise Coalition

This brings together in a loose organization: shipbuilders, ports (public and private), ILA, and vessel operators. It utilizes