

Regulations and Variances, Room 631, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22203–1984. Interested persons are encouraged to supplement written comments with computer files or disks; please contact the Agency with any questions about format.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Milton D. Conley, Division of Health, Coal Mine Safety and Health, (703) 235–1358.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 26, 1997, (62 FR 50541), MSHA published a notice in the **Federal Register** requesting comments on a draft policy letter (PPL) relating to the approval guidelines for storage plans for Self-Contained Self-Rescue (SCSR) Devices in underground coal mines. MSHA published the notice to voluntarily afford an opportunity for interested persons to comment on the PPL before its anticipated issuance and effective date.

The comment period was scheduled to close on November 25, 1997; however, in response to commenters' requests for additional time to prepare their comments, MSHA is extending the comment period until February 23, 1998. The Agency believes that this extension will provide sufficient time for all interested parties to review and comment on the draft policy. All interested parties are encouraged to submit their comments on or prior to February 23, 1998.

Dated: November 20, 1997.

J. Davitt McAteer,

Assistant Secretary for Mine Safety and Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 100

[CGD11–97–008]

RIN 2115–AE46

Special Local Regulations; U.S. National Waterski Racing Championship

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard proposes to amend the table of events in 33 CFR 100.1101 by adding the U.S. National Waterski Racing Championship conducted in the waters of Mission Bay in San Diego, California, from Government Island south to Ski Beach

on the following dates: annually, commencing on the first Friday of October every year, and, including the first Friday of October, lasting a total of three days. The special local regulations applicable to this event are necessary to provide for the safety of life, property, and navigation on the navigable waters of the United States during scheduled events. The Coast Guard is also making a technical amendment to paragraph (a) of 33 CFR 100.1101 to reflect a change of address for the Eleventh Coast Guard District staff element responsible for the Local Notice to Mariners.

DATES: Comments must reach the Coast Guard on or before January 9, 1998.

ADDRESSES: You may mail comments to Lieutenant Michael A. Arguelles, U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Office, 2716 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, California 92101, or deliver them to the same address between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. The telephone number is (619) 683–6484.

The Marine Safety Office maintains the public docket for this rulemaking. Comments, and any documents referenced in this preamble, will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the Marine Safety Office between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lieutenant Michael A. Arguelles, U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Office, 2716 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, California 92101. The telephone number is (619) 683–6484.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Comments

The Coast Guard encourages interested persons to participate in this rulemaking by submitting written data, views, or arguments. Persons submitting comments should include their names and addresses, identifying this rulemaking (CGD11–97–008) and the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and give the reason for each comment. Please submit two copies of all comments and attachments in an unbound format, no larger than 8.5 by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. Persons wanting acknowledgment of receipt of comments should enclose stamped, self-addressed postcards or envelopes.

The Coast Guard will consider all comments received during the comment period. It may change this proposed rule in view of the comments.

The Coast Guard plans no public hearing. Persons may request a public hearing by writing to the Marine Safety

Office at the address under **ADDRESSES**. The request should include the reasons why a hearing would be beneficial. If it determines that the opportunity for oral presentations will aid this rulemaking, the Coast Guard will hold a public hearing at a time and place announced by a later notice in the **Federal Register**.

Background and Purpose

The U.S. National Waterski Racing Championship will consist of various waterski racing events. The races will take place, annually, over a three day period beginning on the first Friday of October. The special local regulations applicable to this event are necessary to provide for the safety of life, property, and navigation on the navigable waters of the United States during scheduled events. A technical amendment to paragraph (a) of 33 CFR 100.1101 is necessary because the Eleventh Coast Guard District staff element responsible for the Local Notice to Mariners has moved from Long Beach, CA to Alameda, CA.

Discussion of Proposed Rule

The race zone encompasses the water of Mission Bay in San Diego, California, from Government Island south to Ski Beach in Mission Bay. The race course will be marked by buoys to alert non-participants. Each year, the race zone will be in use by vessels competing in the event from and including the first Friday of October, for a total of three days, during the hours of 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. (PDT). During these times the waters of Mission Bay from Government Island to Ski Beach will be closed to all traffic with the exception of emergency vessels, official patrol vessels, and participant vessels. No vessels other than emergency, participant, or official patrol vessels will be allowed to enter this zone unless specifically cleared by or through an official patrol vessel.

Pursuant to 33 CFR 100.1101(b)(3), Commander, Coast Guard Activities San Diego, is designated Patrol Commander for this event; he has the authority to delegate this responsibility to any commissioned, warrant, or petty officer of the Coast Guard. Once the zone is established, authorization to remain within the zone is subject to termination by the Patrol Commander at any time. The Patrol Commander may impose other restrictions within the zone if circumstances dictate. Restrictions will be tailored to impose the least impact on maritime interests yet provide the level of security deemed necessary to safely conduct the race.

With respect to the technical amendment to paragraph (a) of 33 CFR 100.1101, the correct address of the

Eleventh Coast Guard District staff element responsible for Local Notice to Mariners now reads: Commander (Pow), Eleventh Coast Guard District, Coast Guard Island, Building 50-6, Alameda, CA 94501-5100.

Regulatory Evaluation

This proposed rule is not a significant regulatory action under section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866 and does not require assessment of potential cost and benefits under section 6(a)(3) of that order. It has been exempted from review by the Office of Management and Budget under that Order. It is not significant under the regulatory policies and procedures of the Department of Transportation (DOT) (44 FR 11040, February 26, 1979). The Coast Guard expects the economic impact of this regulation to be so minimal that a full Regulatory Evaluation under paragraph 10(e) of the regulatory policies and procedures of the Department of Transportation is unnecessary.

Small Entities

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*), the Coast Guard must consider whether this proposed rule, if adopted, will have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. "Small entities" may include small businesses, not-for-profit organizations that are independently owned and operated and are not dominant in their fields, and governmental jurisdictions with populations less than 50,000.

Because it expects the impact of this proposal to be so minimal, the Coast Guard certifies under section 605(b) of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) that this proposal, if adopted, will not have a substantial impact on a significant number of small entities. If, however, you think that your business or organization qualifies as a small entity and this proposed rule will have a significant economic impact on your business or organization, please submit a comment (see **ADDRESSES**) explaining why you think it qualifies and in what way and to what degree this proposed rule will economically affect it.

Collection of Information

This proposed rule contains no collection of information requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

Federalism

The Coast Guard has analyzed this proposed rule under the principles and criteria contained in Executive Order 12612 and has determined that this rule does not have sufficient federalism

implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

Environment

The Coast Guard considered the environmental impact of this proposed rule and concluded that under paragraph 2.B.2 of Commandant Instruction M16475.1B, it will have no significant environmental impact and it is categorically excluded from further environmental documentation.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 100

Regattas and Marine Parades.

Proposed Regulation

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard proposes to amend 33 CFR Part 100, section 100.1101, as follows:

PART 100—MARINE EVENTS

1. The authority citation for Part 100 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1233 through 1236; 49 CFR 1.46; 33 CFR 100.35.

2. In § 100.1101 revise paragraph (a) and amend Table 1 of that section by adding an entry for the U.S. National Waterski Racing Championship immediately following the last entry to read as follows:

§ 100.1101 Southern California annual marine events.

(a) Special local regulations will be established for the events listed in Table 1. Further information on exact dates, times, details concerning number and type of participants and an exact geographical description of the areas are published by the Eleventh Coast Guard District in the Local Notice to Mariners at least 20 days prior to each event. To be placed on the mailing list contact: Commander (pow), Eleventh Coast Guard District, Coast Guard Island, Building 50-6, Alameda, CA 94501-5100.

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Table 1

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U.S. National Waterski Racing Championship
Sponsor: U.S. National Waterski Racing Association.

Date: First Friday of October every year, lasting a total of 3 days (including the first Friday of October).

Location: Mission Bay, San Diego, California, from Government Island south to Ski Beach.

Dated: October 15, 1997.

J.C. Card,

Vice Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander, Eleventh Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 110

[CGD11-97-007]

RIN 2115-AA98

Anchorage Regulations: San Diego Harbor, CA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard proposes the establishment of several special anchorages in San Diego Bay, California. These areas are currently used as temporary and long term anchorages. A "special anchorage" is an area on the water where vessels less than 20 meters (approximately 65 feet) in length are allowed to anchor without displaying navigation lights which are otherwise required for anchored vessels under Rule 30 of the Inland Navigational Rules, codified at 33 U.S.C. 2030. The intended effect of these special anchorages is to reduce the risk of vessel collisions within San Diego Bay by specifying more special anchorage areas which will provide designated moorings for vessels less than 20 meters in length. In addition, minor corrections to some of the coordinates describing the corner points of existing special anchorage areas have been made in the proposed regulations.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before January 26, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be mailed to Commanding Officer, Coast Guard Marine Safety Office, 2716 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92101, (619) 683-6495. The comments and other materials referenced in this notice will be available for inspection and copying at the above address. Normal office hours are between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday except holidays. Comments may also be hand-delivered to this address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lieutenant Mike Arguelles, Marine Safety Office San Diego, (619) 683-6484, or Mike Van Houten, USCG, Pacific Operations and Waterways Branch, Eleventh Coast Guard District, (510) 437-2984.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Comments

Interested persons are invited to participate in this proposed rulemaking by submitting written views, data or arguments to the office listed under **ADDRESSES** in this preamble. Persons submitting comments should include