

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[Docket No. USCG–2013–0707]

Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (AIWW), Chesapeake, VA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of deviation from drawbridge regulations.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard has issued a temporary deviation from the operating schedule that governs the operation of the I64 Bridge across the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, South Branch of the Elizabeth River, mile 7.1, at Chesapeake, VA.

This deviation is necessary to facilitate maintenance work on the moveable spans. This temporary deviation allows the drawbridge to remain in the closed to navigation position.

DATES: This deviation is effective from 7 a.m. on Sept 13, 2013 to 5 p.m. Sept 29, 2013.

ADDRESSES: The docket for this deviation, [USCG–2013–0707] is available at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Type the docket number in the “SEARCH” box and click “SEARCH.” Click on Open Docket Folder on the line associated with this deviation. You may also visit the Docket Management Facility in Room W12–140 on the ground floor of the Department of Transportation West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this temporary deviation, call or email Mrs. Kashanda Booker, Bridge Administration Branch Fifth District, Coast Guard; telephone (757) 398–6227, email Kashanda.l.booker@uscg.mil. If you have questions on reviewing the docket, call Barbara Hairston, Program Manager, Docket Operations, (202) 366–9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Virginia Department of Transportation, who owns and operates this bridge, has requested a temporary deviation from the current operating regulation set out in 33 CFR 117.997(e), to facilitate maintenance of the moveable spans on the structure.

The current operating schedule for the bridge is set out in 33 CFR 117.997 (e) which requires the bridge open on

signal if at least 24 hours notice is given. The I64 Bridge has a vertical clearance in the closed position of 65 feet above mean high water.

Under this temporary deviation, the drawbridge will be closed to navigation each day, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Friday September 13, 2013 to Sunday September 15, 2013; and on Friday September 20, 2013 to Sunday September 22, 2013; with inclement weather dates, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Friday September 27, 2013 through Sunday, September 29, 2013. The bridge will operate under normal operating schedule at all other times.

Vessels able to pass under the bridge in the closed position may do so at anytime and are advised to proceed with caution. There is no immediate alternate route for vessels transiting this section on the South Branch of the Elizabeth River; however, vessels requiring an opening may proceed before and after the closure periods. The bridge will not be able to open for emergencies. The Coast Guard will also inform additional waterway users through our Local and Broadcast Notices to Mariners of the closure periods for the bridge so that vessels can arrange their transits to minimize any impacts caused by the temporary deviation.

In accordance with 33 CFR 117.35(e), the drawbridge must return to its regular operating schedule immediately at the end of the effective period of this temporary deviation. This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.

Dated: July 31, 2013.

Waverly W. Gregory, Jr.,

Bridge Program Manager, Fifth Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

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[Docket No. USCG–2013–0719]

Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Townsend Gut, Boothbay Harbor and Southport, ME

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Commander, First Coast Guard District, has issued a temporary deviation from the regulation governing the operation of the Southport SR27

Bridge across Townsend Gut, mile 0.7, between Boothbay Harbor and Southport, Maine. The bridge owner, Maine Department of Transportation will be performing electrical repairs at the bridge. This deviation allows the bridge to remain in the closed position for four hours to facilitate scheduled bridge maintenance.

DATES: This deviation is effective between 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. on August 21, 2013 and August 22, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket are part of docket USCG–2013–0719 and are available online at www.regulations.gov, inserting USCG–2013–0719 in the “Keyword” and then clicking “Search”. They are also available for inspection or copying at the Docket Management Facility (M–30), U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this rule, call or email Mr. John McDonald, Project Officer, First Coast Guard District, telephone (617) 223–8364, john.w.mcdonald@uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing the docket, call Barbara Hairston, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202–366–9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Southport SR27 Bridge, across Townsend Gut, mile 0.7, between Boothbay Harbor and Southport, Maine, has a vertical clearance in the closed position of 10 feet above mean high water and 19 feet above mean low water. The bridge operating regulations are listed at 33 CFR 117.537.

The waterway is transited by recreational and commercial fishing boats. There is an alternate route for navigation around Southport.

The bridge owner, Maine Department of Transportation, requested a temporary deviation from the normal operating schedule to facilitate deck repairs at the bridge.

Under this temporary deviation the Southport SR27 Bridge may remain in the closed position between 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. on August 21, 2013, with a rain date of August 22, 2013.

In accordance with 33 CFR 117.35(e), the bridge must return to its regular operating schedule immediately at the end of the designated time period. This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.

Dated: July 30, 2013.

Gary Kassoof,

Bridge Program Manager, First Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[Docket No. USCG–2013–0607]

Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Delaware River, NJ; Correction

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of deviation from drawbridge regulation; correction.

SUMMARY: On July 15, 2013, the Coast Guard published a temporary deviation entitled “Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Delaware River, NJ” for the operating schedule that governs the bascule span of the Tacony-Palmyra Bridge, across the Delaware River, between the townships of Tacony, PA and Palmyra, NJ. The deviation cited incorrect vertical clearances in the navigable channel. This notice corrects that error.

DATES: Effective August 9, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this temporary deviation, call or email Terrance Knowles, Environmental Protection Specialist, Coast Guard; telephone 757–398–6587, email Terrance.A.Knowles@uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing the docket, call Barbara Hairston, Program Manager, Docket Operations, at 202–366–9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 15, 2013 (78 FR 42010), the Coast Guard published a temporary deviation from the operating schedule that governs the bascule span of the Tacony-Palmyra Bridge (Route 73), across the Delaware River, mile 107.2, between the townships of Tacony, PA and Palmyra, NJ. The deviation cited incorrect vertical clearances in the navigable channel during the rehabilitation project. This notice corrects that error. Subsequent to the publication of that notice, the Coast Guard discovered that the two vertical clearances, 53 feet and 50 feet above mean high water (MHW), were incorrect.

Correction

In the notice (FR Doc. USCG–2013–0607) published on July 15, 2013 (78 FR 42010), make the following corrections

on page 42011. In the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section, paragraph two, the vertical clearance in the closed position to vessels is 50 feet above MHW (not 53 feet). And, the clearance may be reduced by approximately 3 feet to 47 (not 50 feet) above MHW.

Dated: July 19, 2013.

Waverly W. Gregory, Jr.,

Bridge Program Manager, Fifth Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

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33 CFR Part 165

[Docket No. USCG–2013–0670]

RIN 1625–AA00

Safety Zone; James River; Newport News, VA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary safety zone around the USNS Del Monte. This safety zone will restrict vessel traffic on a portion of the James River within a 1500 foot radius of the USNS Del Monte. This action is intended to restrict vessel traffic movement in the vicinity of the James River to protect mariners from the hazards associated with live fire and explosive training events.

DATES: This rule will be effective from 8 a.m. on August 19, 2013, until 4 p.m. on August 22, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Documents mentioned in this preamble are part of docket [USCG–2013–0670]. To view documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, type the docket number in the “SEARCH” box and click “SEARCH.” Click on Open Docket Folder on the line associated with this rulemaking. You may also visit the Docket Management Facility in Room W12–140 on the ground floor of the Department of Transportation West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this rule, call or email LCDR Hector Cintron, Waterways Management Division Chief, Sector Hampton Roads, Coast Guard; telephone (757) 668–5581, email

Hector.L.Cintron@uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Barbara Hairston, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone (202) 366–9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Table of Acronyms

DHS Department of Homeland Security
FR Federal Register

NPRM Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

A. Regulatory History and Information

The Coast Guard is issuing this temporary final rule without prior notice and opportunity to comment pursuant to authority under section 4(a) of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) (5 U.S.C. 553(b)). This provision authorizes an agency to issue a rule without prior notice and opportunity to comment when the agency for good cause finds that those procedures are “impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest.” Under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for not publishing a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) with respect to this rule because the event plan was received on July 16, 2013, which is only 34 days prior to the event date. As such, it is impracticable to provide a full comment period due to lack of time. Delaying this regulation’s effective date for comment would be impracticable as immediate action is needed to ensure the safety of the other vessels transiting the event area. The Coast Guard will provide advance notifications to users of the effected waterways of the safety zone via marine information broadcasts and local notice to mariners.

B. Basis and Purpose

From August 19 through August 22, 2013, the Naval Special Warfare Development Group will conduct a training exercise on the USNS Del Monte in the James River in the vicinity of the James River Reserve Fleet. Due to the need to protect mariners from the hazards associated with a live fire and explosives training, such as the accidental discharge of ammunition and, dangerous projectiles, vessel traffic will be temporarily restricted within 1500 feet of the USNS Del Monte.

C. Discussion of the Rule

The Coast Guard is establishing a 1500 foot radius safety zone on specified waters of James River around approximate position 37°06′11″ N/ 076°38′40″ W in the vicinity of the James River Reserve Fleet. This safety zone is being established in the interest of public safety during the live fire and explosive training exercise and will be