

Regulatory Evaluation

This rule is not a significant regulatory action under section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866, and does not require an assessment of potential costs 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 rule to be so minimal that a full Regulatory Evaluation, under paragraph 10e of the regulatory policies and procedures of DOT, is unnecessary. This conclusion is based on the limited duration of the race, the infrequent presence of commercial traffic on the affected portion of the Connecticut River, and the extensive, advance advisories that will be made to the affected maritime community.

Small Entities

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*), the Coast Guard must consider the economic impact on small entities of a rule for which a general notice of proposed rulemaking is required. "Small entities" may include (1) small businesses and not-for-profit organizations that are independently owned and operated and are not dominant in their fields and (2) governmental jurisdictions with populations of less than 50,000.

For the reasons discussed in the Regulatory Evaluation, the Coast Guard certifies under 5 U.S.C. 605(b) that this proposal will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Collection of Information

This 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 rule in accordance with the principles and criteria contained in Executive Order 12612, and has determined that this rule does not raise sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

Environment

The Coast Guard has considered the environmental impacts of this rule and concluded that, under paragraph 2.B.2.e.34(h) of COMDTINST 16475.1B, (as revised by 61 FR 13563, March 27, 1996) this rule is a special local

regulation issued in conjunction with a regatta or marine parade and is categorically excluded from further environmental documentation.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 100

Marine safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Waterways.

Final Regulation

For the reasons set out in the preamble, the Coast Guard is amending 33 CFR Part 100 as follows:

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

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

2. Section 100.102 is revised to read as follows:

§ 100.102 Great Connecticut River Raft Race, Middletown, CT

(a) *Regulated Area.* That section of the Connecticut River between Dart Island (Marker no. 73) and Portland Shoals (Marker no. 92), Middletown, CT.

(b) *Special Local Regulations.*

(1) The Coast Guard patrol commander may delay, modify, or cancel the race as conditions or circumstances require.

(2) No person or vessel may enter, transit, or remain in the regulated area unless participating in the event or unless authorized by the Coast Guard patrol commander.

(3) Vessels encountering emergencies which require transit through the regulated area should contact the Coast Guard patrol commander on VHF Channel 16. In the event of an emergency, the Coast guard patrol commander may authorized a vessel to transit through the regulated area with a Coast Guard designated escort.

(4) All persons and vessels shall comply with the instructions of the Coast Guard on-scene patrol commander. On-scene patrol personnel may include commissioned, warrant, and petty officers of the U.S. Coast guard. Upon hearing five or more short blasts from a U.S. Coast Guard vessel, the operator of a vessel shall proceed as directed. Members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary will also be present to inform vessel operators of this regulation and other applicable laws.

(c) *Effective Period.* This rule is effective from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the last Saturday in July. If tidal conditions are not conducive to performing the event it will take place the first Saturday in August.

Dated: July 26, 1996.¹

¹ **Note:** This document was received at the Office of the Federal Register on June 25, 1997.

J.L. Linnon,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander, First Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 100

[CGD01-97-053]

RIN 2115-AE46

Special Local Regulation: Fireworks Displays Within the First Coast Guard District

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of implementation.

SUMMARY: This document provides notice of the dates and times of the special local regulations contained in 33 CFR 100.114, "Fireworks Displays Within the First Coast Guard District." All vessels will be restricted from entering the area of navigable water within a 500-yard radius of the fireworks launch platform for each event listed in the table below. Implementation of these regulations is necessary to control vessel traffic within the regulated area to ensure the safety of spectators.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The regulations in 33 CFR 100.114 are effective from one hour before the scheduled start of the event until thirty minutes after the last firework is exploded for each event listed in the table below. The events are listed chronologically with their corresponding number listed in the special local regulation, 33 CFR 100.114.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lieutenant Commander James B. Donovan, Office of Search and Rescue, First Coast Guard District, (617) 223-8278.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Discussion of Notice: This notice implements the special local regulations in 33 CFR 100.114 (62 FR 30988; June 6, 1997). All vessels are prohibited from entering a 500 yard radius of navigable water surrounding the launch platform used in each fireworks display listed below.

Table 1—Fireworks Displays

June

2. Barnum Festival Fireworks

Date: June 27, 1997

Rain date: June 27, 1997

Time: 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Location: Seaside Park-Bridgeport Harbor, Bridgeport, CT

Lat: 43°11'05" N, Long: 073°09'05" W (NAD 1983)

July

1. Boston Harborfest Fireworks

Date: July 3, 1997

Time: 9:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Location: Just off Coast Guard Base, Boston Harbor, MA

Lat: 42°22'13" N, Long: 071°03'00" W (NAD 1983)

2. American Legion Post 83 Fireworks

Date: June 28, 1997

Rain date: June 29, 1997

Time: 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Location: Branford Point, Branford, CT

Lat: 41°21' N, Long: 072°05'20" W (NAD 1983)

3. Devon Yacht Club Fireworks

Date: July 5, 1997

Time: 9:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Location: Devon Yacht Club, Amagansett, NY

Lat: 40°59.5' N, Long: 072°06.5' W (NAD 1983)

4. Hempstead Fireworks

Date: July 4, 1997

Time: 9:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Location: Point Lookout, Hempstead, NY

Lat: 40°35.5' N, Long: 073°35.5' W (NAD 1983)

5. Schooner Days Fireworks

Date: July 4, 1997

Time: 8:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Rockland Harbor, ME

Lat: 44°06.00N, Long: 069°05.30W (NAD 1983)

7. Bangor Fireworks

Date: July 4, 1997

Time: 9:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Location: Bangor Waterfront, Bangor, ME

Lat: 44°47.38N, Long: 068°46.23W (NAD 1983)

8. Bar Harbor Fireworks

Date: July 4, 1997

Time: 9:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Location: Bar Harbor Waterfront, Bar Harbor, ME

Lat: 44°23.42N, Long: 068°12.29W (NAD 1983)

9. Stewarts 4th of July Fireworks Display

Date: July 4, 1997

Time: 9:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Location: Sandy Point, Somes Sound, Northeast Harbor, ME

Lat: 44°18.31N, Long: 068°18.17W (NAD 1983)

10. Walsh's Fireworks

Date: July 4, 1997

Time: 8:20 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Union River Bay, ME

Lat: 44°24.31N, Long: 068°27.14W (NAD 1983)

12. Town of Barnstable Fireworks

Date: July 4, 1997

Time: 9:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Location: Barge located off Dunbar Point/Kalmus Beach

Lat: 41°38.50'N, Long: 070°16.00'W (NAD 1983)

Event will be held from a barge vice the shore.

13. Fourth of July Celebration

Date: July 4, 1997

Rain Date: July 5, 1997

Time: 9:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Location: West Beach, Manchester Bay, Beverly Farms, MA

Lat: 42°33'28"N, Long: 070°48'18"W (NAD 1983)

14. Edgartown Fireworks

Date: July 4, 1997

Time: 9:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Location: Off Light House Beach, Edgartown, MA

Lat: 41°23.10N, Long: 070°29.49W (NAD 1983)

15. Falmouth Fireworks

Date: July 4, 1997

Time: 9:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Location: Falmouth Harbor, ¼ Nautical Mile east of Bouy #16

Lat: 41°32'N, Long: 070°37'W (NAD 1983)

16. Gloucester Fireworks

Date: July 4, 1997

Rain Date: July 5, 1997

Time: 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Location: Stage Fort Park, Gloucester, MA

Lat: 42°36'18"N, Long: 070°40'34"W (NAD 1983)

17. Marion Fireworks

Date: July 4, 1997

Time: 9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Location: Marion, MA

Lat: 41°40'N, Long: 070°45.40W (NAD 1983)

18. City of New Bedford Fireworks

Date: July 6, 1997

Time: 9:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Location: New Bedford Harbor, MA

Lat: 41°38'N, Long: 071°17'W (NAD 1983)

19. Onset Fireworks

Date: July 5, 1997

Time: 8:15 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Location: Onset Harbor, MA

Lat: 41°44.45N, Long: 070°40W (NAD 1983)

20. Plymouth Fireworks Display

Date: July 4, 1997

Rain Date: July 6, 1997

Time: 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Location: Vicinity of the Plymouth

Breakwater, Plymouth Harbor, MA

Lat: 41°57'47"N, Long: 070°39'19"W (NAD 1983)

21. Wellfleet Fireworks

Date: July 4, 1997

Time: 7:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Location: Indian Neck Parking lot, Wellfleet, MA

Lat: 41°55.30N, Long: 070°02W (NAD 1983)

22. Weymouth 4th of July Fireworks

Date: July 3, 1997

Rain Date: July 5, 1997

Time: 9:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Location: Weymouth Fore River, Weymouth, MA

Lat: 42°15'09"N, Long: 071°56'35"W (NAD 1983)

24. Bristol 4th of July Fireworks

Date: July 4, 1997

Time: 8:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Location: Bristol Harbor, MA

Lat: 41.39'N, Long: 071°17'W (NAD 1983)

25. Oyster Harbor Club Fourth of July Festival

Date: July 4, 1997

Rain Date: July 5, 1997

Time: 9:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Location: Tims Cove, Cotuit Bay: Osterville, RI

Lat: 41°36.5N, Long: 070°26W (NAD 1983)

28. Fairfield Aerial Fireworks

Date: July 5, 1997

Rain Date: July 12, 1997

Time: 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Location: Fairfield, CT

Lat: 41°08.22N, Long: 073°14.02W (NAD 1983)

30. Middletown Fireworks

Date: July 5, 1997

Rain Date: July 6, 1997

Time: 8:15 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Location: Middletown, CT

Lat: 41°33.36N, Long: 072°38.30W (NAD 1983)

31. Hartford Riverfest

Date: July 5, 1997

Time: 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Location: Hartford, CT

32. City of Norwalk Fireworks

Date: July 3, 1997

Rain Date: July 4, 1997

Time: 8:15 p.m. to 10:45 p.m.

Location: Norwalk, MA

Lat: 41°04.50N, Long: 073°23.22W (NAD 1983)

33. Norwich American Wharf Fireworks

Date: July 5, 1997

Rain Date: July 6, 1997

Time: 9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Location: Norwich, CT

Lat: 41°31.22N, Long: 072°04.50W (NAD 1983)

35. Stratford Fireworks

Date: July 3, 1997

Rain Date: July 5, 1997

Time: 8:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Location: Stratford, CT

Lat: 41°10.11'N, Long: 073°06.19'W (NAD 1983)

36. Westport P.A.L. Fireworks

Date: July 3, 1997

Rain Date: July 7, 1997

Time: 8:30 to 11:00 p.m.

Location: Westport, CT

Lat: ° 'N, Long: ° 'W (NAD 1983)

38. Montauk Independence Day

Date: July 4, 1997

Time: 10:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Location: Montauk Town Beach, Montauk, NY

Lat: 41°02N, Long: 071°56.2'W (NAD 1983)

39. Dolan Family Fireworks

Date: July 4, 1997

Rain Date: July 5, 1997

Time: 9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Location: Cove Neck, NY

Lat: 40°54.00N, Long: 073°30.00W (NAD 1983)

40. Jones Beach State Park Fireworks

Date: July 4, 1997

Time: 9:15 p.m. to 9:45 p.m.

Location: Jones Beach State Park, Wantagh, NY

Lat: 40°35.2'N, Long: 073°30.5'W (NAD 1983)

41. Staten Island's 4th of July Will no longer occur, and will be removed from Special Local Regulation, 33 CFR 100.114

42. Fireworks on the Navesink

Date: July 3, 1997

Rain Date: July 4, 1997

Time: 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Location: Red Bank Beach, Red Bank, NJ

Lat: 20°21°20N, Long: 074°04°10W (NAD 1983)

44. Thames River Fireworks

Date: July 12, 1997

Rain Date: July 13, 1997

Time: 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Location: Thames River, CT

Lat: 41–21.00'N, Long: 072–05.20'W (NAD 1983)

45. Stamford Fireworks

Date: July 3, 1997

Rain Date: July 5, 1997

Time: 9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Location: Stamford, CT

Lat: 41–02.09'N, Long: 073–30.57'W (NAD 1983)

46. Town of Babylon Fireworks

Date: July 19, 1997

Time: 9:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Location: Nezeras Island, Babylon, NY

Lat: 40–39'N, Long: 073–20'W (NAD 1983)

47. Boys Harbor Fireworks Extravaganza

Date: July 19, 1997

Time: 8:45 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Location: Three mile harbor, East Hampton, NY

Lat: 41–01'N, Long: 072–11'W (NAD 1983)

48. Belfast Fireworks

Date: July 22, 1997

Time: 10:00 p.m. to 10:45 p.m.

Location: Belfast Bay, ME

Lat: 44–24.97'N, Long: 068–59.21'W (NAD 1983)

Dated: June 25, 1997.

J.L. Linnon,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard Commander,
First Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 100

[CGD 05–97–045]

Special Local Regulations for Marine Events; Welcome America Fireworks and Liberty Lighted Boat Parade; Delaware River, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of implementation.

SUMMARY: This notice implements the special local regulations of 33 CFR 100.509 during the Welcome America Fireworks and Liberty Lighted Boat Parade, to be held in the Delaware River adjacent to Penns Landing, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on July 3 and July 5, 1997. These special local regulations are needed to control vessel traffic within the vicinity of Penns Landing due to the confined nature of the waterway and expected vessel congestion during the fireworks display and boat parade. The effect will be to restrict general navigation in the regulated area for the safety of event participants and other vessels transiting the event area.

EFFECTIVE DATES: 33 CFR 100.509 is effective from 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. on July 3, 1997 and from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. on July 5, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Chief Warrant Officer T.J. Donovan,
Marine Events Coordinator,
Commander, Coast Guard Main
Safety Office/Group Philadelphia, 1
Washington Ave., Philadelphia, PA
19147–4395, (215) 271–4825.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Welcome America Committee is sponsoring a 4th of July celebration adjacent to Penns Landing on the Delaware River, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Waterborne activities will include a 15 minute fireworks display on July 3, 1997 and a lighted boat parade on July 5, 1997, consisting of approximately 40 decorated and illuminated vessels, ranging in length from 20' to 200'. Therefore, to ensure the safety of participants and transiting vessels, 33 CFR 100.509 will be in effect from one hour before until one hour after each of the two events. Under provisions of 33 CFR 100.509, a vessel may not enter the area between Pier 30 and the Benjamin Franklin Bridge unless it is registered as a participant with the event sponsor or it receives permission from the Coast Guard patrol commander. Because these restrictions will be in effect for a limited period, they should not result in a significant disruption of maritime traffic.

Dated: June 18, 1997.

J. Carmichael,

Captain, USCT Acting Commander, Fifth
Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 100

[CGD 05–97–043]

RIN 2115–AE46

Special Local Regulations for Marine Events; Virginia Is for Lovers Cup Unlimited Hydroplane Races, Willoughby Bay, Norfolk, Virginia

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: Special local regulations are being adopted for the Virginia Is for Lovers Cup Unlimited Hydroplane Races to be held in Willoughby Bay, Norfolk, Virginia. The event will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. EDT (Eastern Daylight Time) July 12 & 13, 1997. These special local regulations are necessary to control vessel traffic in the immediate vicinity of this event. The effect will be to restrict general

navigation in the regulated area for the safety of spectators and participants.

EFFECTIVE DATES: This regulation is effective from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. EDT on July 12 & 13, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Coordinator, Commander, Coast Guard
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Guard Blvd., Portsmouth, Virginia
23703, (757) 483–8521.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553, a notice of proposed rulemaking was not published for this regulation and good cause exists for making it effective in less than 30 days from the date of publication. Following normal rulemaking procedures would have been impractical. The request to hold the event was not submitted until May 30, 1997. Publishing a notice of proposed rulemaking and delaying its effective date would be contrary to safety interests, since immediate action is needed to minimize potential danger to the public posed by the large number of racing vessels participating in this event.

Discussion of regulations

On July 12 & 13, 1997, the City of Norfolk will sponsor the Virginia Is for Lovers Cup Unlimited Hydroplane Races in Willoughby Bay. The event will consist of Hydroplanes, Hydrolights and Jersey Speed Skiffs racing at high speeds along a 2 mile oval course. These regulations are necessary to control spectator craft and provide for the safety of life and property on navigable waters during the event.

This event was originally scheduled for May 24–26, 1997. Special local regulations were adopted to provide for the safety of life and property during the event; however, the event was canceled because of inclement weather.

Regulatory Evaluation

This rule is not a significant regulatory action under section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866 and does not require an assessment of potential costs 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 proposal to be so minimal that a full Regulatory Evaluation under paragraph 10e of the regulatory procedures of DOT is unnecessary. Entry into the regulated