

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Coast Guard****33 CFR Part 100****[CGD05-00-031]****RIN 2115-AE46****Special Local Regulations for Marine Events; Sharptown Outboard Regatta, Nanticoke River, Sharptown, MD****AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.**ACTION:** Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing temporary special local regulations for the Sharptown Outboard Regatta, to be held on the waters of the Nanticoke River between Maryland S.R. 313 bridge at Sharptown, Maryland and Nanticoke River Light 43 (LLN-24175). These special local regulations are necessary to provide for the safety of life on navigable waters during the event. This action is intended to restrict vessel traffic in portions of the Nanticoke River during the event.

DATES: This rule is effective from 10 a.m. on September 23, 2000 until 7 p.m. on September 24, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments and materials received from the public as well as documents indicated in this preamble as being available in the docket, are part of this docket and are available for inspection or copying at Commander (Aoax), Fifth Coast Guard District, 431 Crawford Street, Portsmouth, Virginia 23704-5004, between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chief Warrant Officer R. Houck, Marine Events Coordinator, Commander, Coast Guard Activities Baltimore, 2401 Hawkins Point Road, Baltimore Maryland, 21226-1791, telephone number (410) 576-2674.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Regulatory Information**

On July 21, 2000, we published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) entitled Special Local Regulations for Marine Events; Sharptown Outboard Regatta, Nanticoke River, Sharptown, Maryland, in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 45326). We received no letters commenting on the proposed rule. No public hearing was requested and none was held.

Background and Purpose

The North-South Racing Association will sponsor the Sharptown Outboard Regatta on September 23 and September 24, 2000. The event will consist of 60

hydroplanes and runabouts conducting a high speed competitive race on the waters of the Nanticoke River between Maryland S.R. 313 bridge at Sharptown, Maryland and Nanticoke River Light 43 (LLN-24175). A fleet of spectator vessels is anticipated for the event. Due to the need for vessel control during the races, vessel traffic will be temporarily restricted to provide for the safety of participants, spectators and transiting vessels.

Discussion

The Coast Guard is establishing temporary special local regulations on specified waters of the Nanticoke River. The regulated area will include waters of the Nanticoke River between Maryland S.R. 313 bridge at Sharptown, Maryland and Nanticoke River Light 43 (LLN-24175). The temporary special local regulations will be enforced from 10 a. m. to 7 p.m. on September 23 and September 24, 2000, and will restrict general navigation in the regulated area during the event. Except for participants in the Sharptown Outboard Regatta and persons or vessels authorized by the Coast Guard Patrol Commander, no person or vessel may enter or remain in the regulated area.

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. The Office of Management and Budget has not reviewed it 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).

We expect 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.

Although this regulation will prevent traffic from transiting a portion of the Nanticoke River during the event, the effect of this regulation will not be significant due to the limited duration that the regulated area will be in effect and the extensive advance notifications that will be made to the maritime community via the Local Notice to Mariners, marine information broadcasts, and area newspapers, so mariners can adjust their plans accordingly.

Small Entities

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*), we considered whether this rule would have a significant economic impact on a

substantial number of small entities. The term "small entities" comprises small businesses, not-for-profit organizations that are independently owned and operated and are not dominant in their fields, and governmental jurisdictions with populations of less than 50,000.

The Coast Guard certifies under 5 U.S.C. 605(b) that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Although this regulation will prevent traffic from transiting a portion of the Nanticoke River during the event, the effect of this regulation will not be significant because of the limited duration that the regulated area will be in effect and the extensive advance notifications that will be made to the maritime community via the Local Notice to Mariners, marine information broadcasts, and area newspapers, so mariners can adjust their plans accordingly.

If you think that your business, organization or governmental jurisdiction qualifies as a small entity and that this proposed rule would have a significant economic impact on it, please submit a comment (see **ADDRESSES**) explaining why you think it qualifies and how and to what degree this proposed rule would economically affect it.

Assistance for Small Entities

Under section 213(a) of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-121), we offered to assist small entities in understanding this rule so that they can better evaluate its effects on them and participate in the rulemaking. If the rule would affect your small business, organization, or governmental jurisdiction and you have questions concerning its provisions or options for compliance, please contact Commander (Aoax), Fifth Coast Guard District, 431 Crawford Street, Portsmouth, Virginia 23704-5004.

Collection of Information

This rule would call for no new collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520).

Federalism

We have analyzed this rule under Executive Order 13132 and have determined that this rule does not have implications for federalism under that Order.

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531-1538) governs

the issuance of Federal regulations that require unfunded mandates. An unfunded mandate is a regulation that requires a State, local, or tribal government or the private sector to incur direct costs without the Federal Government's having first provided the funds to pay those costs. This rule will not impose an unfunded mandate.

Taking of Private Property

This rule will not effect a taking of private property or otherwise have taking implications under Executive Order 12630, Governmental Actions and Interference with Constitutionally Protected Property Rights.

Civil Justice Reform

This rule meets applicable standards in sections 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform, to minimize litigation, eliminate ambiguity, and reduce burden.

Protection of Children

We have analyzed this rule under Executive Order 13045, Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks. This rule is not an economically significant rule and does not concern an environmental risk to health or risk to safety that may disproportionately affect children.

Environment

We prepared an "Environmental Assessment" in accordance with Commandant Instruction M16475.1C, and determined that this rule will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment. The "Environmental Assessment" and "Finding of No Significant Impact" is available in the docket where indicated under **ADDRESSES**.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 100

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

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard amends 33 CFR Part 100 as follows:

PART 100—[AMENDED]

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

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

2. Add temporary § 100.35–T05–031 to read as follows:

§ 100.35–T05–031 Special Local Regulations for Marine Events; Sharptown Outboard Regatta, Nanticoke River, Sharptown, Maryland.

(a) *Definitions.* (1) *Regulated Area.* All waters of the Nanticoke River, near

Sharptown, Maryland, between Maryland S.R. 313 bridge and Nanticoke River Light 43 (LLN–24175), bounded by a line drawn between the following points: southeasterly from latitude 38°32'47" N, longitude 075°43'15" W, to latitude 38°32'42" N, longitude 075°43'09" W, thence northeasterly to latitude 38°33'07" N, longitude 075°42'27" W, thence northwesterly to latitude 38°33'10" N, longitude 075°42'46" W, thence southwesterly to latitude 38°32'47" N, longitude 075°43'15" W. All coordinates reference Datum NAD 1983.

(2) *Coast Guard Patrol Commander.* The Coast Guard Patrol Commander is a commissioned, warrant, or petty officer of the Coast Guard who has been designated by the Commander, Coast Guard Activities Baltimore.

(3) *Official Patrol.* The Official Patrol is any vessel assigned or approved by Commander, Coast Guard Activities Baltimore with a commissioned, warrant, or petty officer on board and displaying a Coast Guard ensign.

(4) *Participating Vessels.* Participating vessels include all vessels participating in the Sharptown Outboard Regatta under the auspices of the Maine Event Application submitted by the North-South Racing Association Inc., and approved by the Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District.

(b) *Special Local Regulations.* (1) Except for persons or vessels authorized by the Coast Guard Patrol Commander, no person or vessel may enter or remain in the regulated area.

(2) The operator of any vessel in this area shall: (i) Stop the vessel immediately when directed to do so by any official patrol.

(ii) Proceed as directed by any official patrol.

(c) *Effective Dates.* The regulated area is effective from 10 a.m. on September 23, 2000 until 7 p.m., September 24, 2000.

(d) *Enforcement Times.* This section will be enforced from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on September 23 and 24, 2000.

Dated: August 22, 2000.

T.C. Paar,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Acting Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

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Safety Zone; Lake Erie, Maumee River, Ohio

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary safety zone on the Maumee River, Toledo, in the state of Ohio. This zone restricts the entry of vessels into the area designated for the September 3, 2000 Toledo fireworks display. This temporary safety zone is necessary to protect mariners in case of accidental misfire of fireworks mortar rounds.

DATES: This rule is effective from 8:30 a.m., to 10 p.m. September 3, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Office in Toledo, Ohio maintains the public docket for this rule. Documents identified in this rule will be available for public copying and inspection between 9:30 A.M. and 2 P.M., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. The Marine Safety Office is located at 420 Madison Ave., Suite 700, Toledo, Ohio 43604; (419) 259–6372.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chief Marine Science Technician Michael Pearson, Asst. Chief of Port Operations, Marine Safety Office, 420 Madison Ave, Suite 700, Toledo, Ohio 43604; (419) 259–6372.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We did not publish a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) for this regulation. Under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(3)(B), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for not publishing an NPRM. We had insufficient time to publish a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking because we did not receive adequate advance notice of this event.

Under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for making this rule effective less than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register**. Publication of a notice of proposed rulemaking and delay of effective date would be contrary to public interest because immediate action is necessary to protect the maritime public and other persons from the hazards associated with fireworks displays.