

**§ 117.255**

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placed on the bridge so that they are plainly visible to the operator of any vessel approaching the bridge from either upstream or downstream.

(3) The owners of the bridge shall provide and keep in good legible condition signs providing a 24-hour emergency telephone number which may be called to arrange for bridge openings. The signs shall be painted in contrasting colors with letters and numbers not less than six inches high. The signs shall be placed on the bridge so that they are plainly visible to the operator of any vessel approaching the bridge from either upstream or downstream.

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**§ 117.255 Potomac River.**

(a) The draw of the Woodrow Wilson Memorial (I-95) bridge, mile 103.8, between Alexandria, Virginia, and Oxon Hill, Maryland—

(1) Shall open on signal at any time only for a vessel in distress, notwithstanding the provisions of §117.31.

(2) Shall open for the passage of a commercial vessel at any time except:

(i) Monday through Friday (except Federal holidays), 5 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

(ii) Saturday, Sunday, and Federal holidays, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

(3) Need not open for the passage of a commercial vessel under paragraph (a)(2) of this section unless—

(i) The owner or operator of the vessel provides the bridge tender with an estimate of the approximate time of that passage at least 12 hours in advance at (202) 727-5522; and

(ii) the owner or operator of the vessel notifies the bridge tender at least 4 hours in advance of the requested time for that passage.

(4) Shall open for the passage of a recreational vessel at any time except:

(i) Monday through Friday (except Federal holidays), 5 a.m. to 12 midnight;

(ii) Saturday, Sunday, and Federal holidays, 7 a.m. to 12 midnight, except as provided in paragraph (a)(4)(iii) of this section;

(iii) Notwithstanding paragraph (a)(4)(ii) of this section, the bridge may open beginning at 10 p.m. on Saturday, Sunday, or a Federal holiday for the passage of a recreational vessel if the owner or operator of the vessel notifies the Bridge Tender of the time of that passage by not later than 12 hours before that time.

(5) Need not open for the passage of a recreational vessel under paragraph (a)(4) of this section unless—

(i) The owner or operator of the vessel provides the bridge tender with an estimate of the approximate time of that passage at least 12 hours in advance at (202) 727-5522; and

(ii) the owner or operator of the vessel notifies the bridge tender at least 4 hours in advance of the requested time for that passage.

(6) A recreational vessel may pass through the drawspan at any time it is open for the passage of a commercial vessel.

(b) The draws of all other bridges need not be opened for the passage of vessels.

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**FLORIDA**

**§ 117.261 Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway from St. Marys River to Key Largo.**

(a) *General.* Public vessels of the United States, tugs with tows, and vessels in a situation where a delay would endanger life or property shall, upon proper signal, be passed through the draw of each bridge listed in this section at any time.

(b) *McCormick Bridge, mile 747.5 at Jacksonville Beach.* The draw shall open on signal; except that during April, May, October and November from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday except Federal holidays, the draw need open only on the hour and half hour. During April, May, October and November from 12 noon to 6 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays and Federal holidays, the draw need open only on the hour and half hour.

(c) *Vilano Beach (SR A1A), Mile 778 at Vilano Beach.* The draw shall open on signal, except that from March 15 through December 15, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, except