§ 334.78 Rhode Island Sound, Atlantic Ocean, approximately 4.0 nautical miles due south of Lands End in Newport, R. I.; restricted area for naval practice minefield.

(a) The area. The open waters of Rhode Island Sound approximately 4.0 nautical miles due south of Lands End, Newport, Rhode Island, within an area bounded as follows: Beginning at latitude 41°29′29″ N., longitude 71°19′54″ W.; thence 2000 yards westerly to latitude 41°29′29″ N., longitude 71°18′34″ W.; thence 3000 yards southerly to latitude 41°18′37″ N., longitude 71°18′34″ W.; thence 2000 yards westerly to latitude 41°18′37″ N., longitude 71°19′54″ W.; thence 3000 yards northerly to the point of beginning.

(b) The regulations. (1) Vessels and other watercraft within the designated navigation channel may proceed through the restricted area at normal operating speeds without stopping. Vessels and watercraft may also utilize the water area within the restricted area located between the western edge of the designated channel and the western shore for fishing, anchoring and other recreational uses. However, all persons, vessels and watercraft, except U.S. military personnel and vessels must leave the restricted area when notified by personnel of the New London Submarine Base that such use will interfere with submarine maneuvering, operations or security.

(2) Commercial fishermen and shell fishermen may fish within the restricted area provided their vessels display registration numbers issued by the Naval Submarine Base, New London, Connecticut. The registration numbers may be obtained by contacting the Commanding Officer, Naval Submarine Base New London. All commercial fishermen and shell fishermen must also leave the restricted area when notified by personnel of the New London Submarine Base that such use will interfere with submarine maneuvering, operations or security.

(3) Vessels which are owned, operated or sponsored by local, state municipalities or academic institutions preparing for or participating in a water sport or water related recreational event sponsored by those local or state municipalities or academic institutions, or private or commercial vessels engaged in observing the conduct of the above event shall be exempt from the restrictions above, providing:

(i) The Commanding Officer, Naval Submarine Base New London, and the Coast Guard Captain of the Port are advised in writing at least 48 hours in advance of the event, or

(ii) The event was publicized in such a manner that the local public in general had a reasonable opportunity to learn of the event 48 hours in advance.

(4) The regulations in this section shall be enforced by the Commandant, U.S. Naval Submarine Base New London, Connecticut, and such agencies as he/she may designate.

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(b) The regulations. (1) No persons, vessels or other watercraft will be allowed to enter the designated area during minefield training.

(2) The practice minefield will consist of six inert drill mines each 16 inches in diameter and 5 feet long and one concrete sonar target 48 inches in diameter and 48 inches high located within the designated area. The sonar target will be permanently located in the extreme northeast corner within the designated drill minefield area. The six drill mines will be steel with all internal mechanisms and explosives removed and concrete filled. Drill mines will be removed from the designated area within 72 hours after each minehunting training exercise.

(3) Training activities will be limited to minehunting operations using only onboard sonar. Neither variable depth sonar devices or mechanical minesweeping operations will be utilized in the area.

(4) Training periods will be 2–3 days in length and 10–15 times a year, however during the time period July 1–mid-October, minehunting exercises will be held to minimum.

(5) Notice to mariners will be issued 6–8 weeks in advance of a scheduled practice exercise by the Commander, U.S. Naval Base, Newport, Rhode Island.

(6) The regulations of this section shall be enforced by the Commander, U.S. Naval Base, Newport, Rhode Island, and such agencies as he/she may designate.

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