§ 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 authorize 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 conductive to performing the event it will take place the first Saturday in August.

§ 100.105 Head of the Connecticut Regatta.

(a) Regulated Area. The regulated area is that section of the Connecticut River between the southern tip of Gildersleeve Island and Light Number 87.

(b) Special Local Regulations. (1) The regulated area is closed to all transiting vessel traffic between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. except for escorted passages as described in (2) and (3) below. All transiting vessel movement will be done at the direction of the Coast Guard patrol commander.

(2) Vessels less than 20 meters in length will be allowed to transit the regulated area only under escort and at the discretion of the Coast Guard patrol commander.

(3) Vessels over 20 meters in length will be allowed to transit the regulated area, under escort, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. or as directed by the Coast Guard patrol commander.

(4) All transiting vessels shall operate at “No Wake” speed or five (5) knots whichever is slower.

(5) Southbound vessels awaiting escort through the regulated area will be held in the vicinity of the southern tip of Gildersleeve Island. Northbound vessels awaiting escort will be held at Light Number 87.

(6) All vessels shall immediately follow any specific instructions given by Coast Guard patrol craft and exercise extreme caution while operating in or near the regulated area.

(7) No person shall enter or remain in the regulated area unless participating in the event or authorized by the event sponsor or Coast Guard patrol commander.

(8) The sponsor shall ensure that the event is concluded by 6:00 p.m. on the day of the event.

(c) Effective Dates. These regulations are effective from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on October 9, 1988 and each year thereafter during the same time period on the second Saturday of October or as published in the local Coast Guard Notice to Mariners.