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33 CFR Part 165

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Safety Zone: Annual North Hempstead Memorial Day Fireworks Display, Hempstead Harbor, NY

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard proposes to establish a permanent safety zone for the annual North Hempstead Memorial Day fireworks display located in Hempstead Harbor, New York. The safety zone would be in effect annually on the Friday before Memorial Day from 8 p.m. until 10 p.m., with a rain date on the following Saturday during the same times, unless extended or terminated sooner by the Captain of the Port, New York. The proposed safety zone could close all waters of Hempstead Harbor within a 300 yard radius from the center of the fireworks platform located approximately 300 yards north of Bar Beach, North Hempstead, New York.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 17, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be mailed to U.S. Coast Guard Group, New York, Bldg. 108, Governors Island, New York 10004-5096, or may be delivered to the Maritime Planning Staff, Bldg. 108, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Any person wishing to visit the office must contact the Maritime Planning Staff at (212) 668-7934 to obtain advance clearance due to the fact that Governors Island is a military installation with limited access.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lieutenant (Junior Grade) K. Messenger, Maritime Planning Staff Chief, Coast Guard Group New York (212) 668-7934.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Comments

The Coast Guard encourages interested persons to participate in this rulemaking by submitting written data, views, or arguments. A 30 day comment period is deemed to be sufficiently reasonable notice to all interested persons. Since this proposed rulemaking is neither complex nor technical, a longer comment period is

deemed to be unnecessary and contrary to the public interest. Any delay in publishing a final rule would effectively cancel this event. Cancellation of this event would be contrary to public interest.

Persons submitting comments should include their names and addresses, identify this notice (CGD01-95-013) and the specific section of the proposal to which their comments apply, and give reasons for each comment. Persons wanting acknowledgment of receipt of comments should enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope.

The Coast Guard will consider all comments received during the comment period. It may change this proposal in view of the comments. The Coast Guard plans no public hearing; however, persons may request a public hearing by writing to the Maritime Planning Staff at the address under **ADDRESSES**. If it is determined that the opportunity for oral presentations will aid their rulemaking, the Coast Guard will hold a public hearing at a time and place announced by a later notice in the **Federal Register**.

Drafting Information

The drafters of this notice are LTJG K. Messenger, Project Manager, Captain of the Port, New York and LCDR J. Stieb, Project Attorney, First Coast Guard District, Legal Office.

Background and Purpose

For the last several years, the Town of North Hempstead has submitted an Application of Approval of Marine Event for a fireworks program in the waters of Hempstead Harbor. This regulation would establish an annual safety zone in the waters of Hempstead Harbor on the Friday before Memorial Day from 8 p.m. until 10 p.m., with a rain date on the following Saturday during the same times, unless extended or terminated sooner by the Captain of the Port New York. This safety zone would preclude all vessels from transiting within a 300 yard radius of the fireworks platform located approximately 300 yards north of Bar Beach, North Hempstead, New York. It is needed to protect mariners from the hazards associated with fireworks exploding in the area.

This permanent regulation would provide notice to mariners that this event occurs annually at the same location, on the same day and time, allowing them to plan transits accordingly. This regulation will be announced annually via Safety Marine Information Broadcasts and by locally issued notices.

Regulatory Evaluation

This proposal 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 10(e) of the regulatory policies and procedures of DOT is unnecessary. This safety zone would close a portion of Hempstead Harbor to all vessel traffic annually on the Friday before Memorial Day from 8 p.m. until 10 p.m., with a rain date on the following Saturday at the same times, unless extended or terminated sooner by the Captain of the Port New York. Although this regulation would prevent traffic from transiting this area, the effect of this regulation would not be significant for several reasons. Due to the limited duration of the event; the late hour of the event; the extensive, advance advisories that will be made; that the amount of traffic in this area is minimal; and that this event has been held annually for the past several years without incident or complaint, the Coast Guard expects the economic impact of this regulation to be so minimal that a Regulatory Evaluation is unnecessary.

Small Entities

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 et seq.), the Coast Guard must consider whether this proposal will have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. "Small entities" include independently owned and operated small businesses that are not dominant in their field and that otherwise qualify as "small business concerns" under Section 3 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632).

For reasons set forth in the above Regulatory Evaluation, the Coast Guard expects the impact of this proposal to be minimal. 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 proposal contains no collection of information requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501).

Federalism

The Coast Guard has analyzed this action in accordance with the principles and criteria contained in Executive Order 12612 and has determined that this proposal does not raise sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

Environment

The Coast Guard has considered the environmental impact of this proposal and concluded that under section 2.B.2.e. of Commandant Instruction M16475.1B; it is categorically excluded from further environmental documentation. A Categorical Exclusion Determination is included in the docket.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 165

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

Proposed Regulations

For reasons set out in the preamble, the Coast Guard proposes to amend 33 CFR Part 165 as follows:

PART 165—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for Part 165 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1231; 50 U.S.C. 191; 33 CFR 1.05-1(g), 6.04-1, 6.04-6, and 160.5; 49 CFR 1.46.

2. Section 165.178, is added to read as follows:

§ 165.178 Safety Zone; Annual North Hempstead Memorial Day Fireworks Display, Hempstead Harbor, New York.

(a) *Location.* All waters of Hempstead Harbor within a 300 yard radius from the center of a fireworks platform located approximately 300 yards north of Bar Beach, North Hempstead, New York.

(b) *Effective period.* This section is in effect annually on the Friday before Memorial Day from 8 p.m. until 10 p.m., unless extended or terminated sooner by the Captain of the Port New York. If the fireworks is cancelled because of bad weather, this section is in effect on the following Saturday at the same time unless extended or terminated sooner by the Captain of the Port New York. The effective period will be announced annually via Safety Marine Information Broadcasts and locally issued notices.

(c) *Regulations.*

(1) The general regulations contained in 33 CFR 165.23 apply.

(2) All persons and vessels shall comply with the instructions of the Coast Guard Captain of the Port or the designated on scene patrol personnel.

U.S. Coast Guard patrol personnel include commissioned, warrant, and petty officers of the Coast Guard. Upon being hailed by a U.S. Coast Guard vessel via siren, radio, flashing light, or other means, the operator of a vessel shall proceed as directed.

Dated: March 5, 1995.

T.H. Gilmour,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port, New York.

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Safety Zone: Parade of Ships, Fleet Week '95, Port of New York and New Jersey

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard proposes to establish a temporary safety zone on May 24, 1995, for the Fleet Week '95 Parade of Ships. This moving safety zone would be established 500 yards fore and aft, and 200 yards on each side of the designated column of vessels in this parade as it transits from the Verrazano Narrows Bridge to the waters west of the 79th Street Boat Basin, Manhattan, in the Hudson River. As the vessels make their turns and proceed southbound in the Hudson River the moving safety zone will continue to encompass all waters within a 200 yard radius of each vessel until it is safely berthed. The regulation would be in effect from 8:45 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Wednesday, May 24, 1995, unless extended or terminated sooner by the Coast Guard Captain of the Port, New York.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 17, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be mailed to U.S. Coast Guard Group, New York, Bldg. 108, Governors Island, New York 1004-5096, or may be delivered to the Maritime Planning Staff, Bldg. 108, between 8:45 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Any person wishing to visit the office must contact the Maritime Planning Staff at (212) 668-7934 to obtain advance clearance, due to the fact that Governors Island is military installation with limited access.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lieutenant (Junior Grade) K. Messenger, Maritime Planning Staff Chief, Coast Guard Group, New York, (212) 668-7934.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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The Coast Guard encourages interested persons to participate in this rulemaking by submitting written data, views, or arguments. A 30 day comment period is deemed to be sufficiently reasonable notice to all interested persons. Since this proposed rulemaking is neither complex nor technical, a longer comment period is unnecessary and contrary to the public interest. Any delay in publishing a final rule would effectively cancel this event.

Persons submitting comments should include their names and addresses, identify this notice (CGD01-95-014) and the specific section of the proposal to which their comments apply, and give reasons for each comment. Persons wanting acknowledgment of receipt of comments should enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope.

The Coast Guard will consider all comments received during the comment period. It may change this proposal in view of the comments. The Coast Guard plans no public hearing, however, persons may request a public hearing by writing to the Project Manager at the address under **ADDRESSES**. If it is determined that the opportunity for oral presentations will aid this rulemaking, the Coast Guard will hold a public hearing at a time and place announced by a later notice in the **Federal Register**.

Drafting Information

The drafters of this notice are LTJG K. Messenger, Project Manager, Coast Guard Group New York and LCDR J. Stieb, Project Attorney, First Coast District, Legal Office.

Background and Purpose

On March 1, 1995 the Intrepid Museum Foundation submitted a request to hold a parade of U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. and foreign naval ships through the Port of New York and New Jersey on May 24, 1995. The regulation would be effective from 8:45 a.m. until 3 p.m. on May 24, 1995, unless extended or terminated sooner by the Coast Guard Captain of the Port, New York. This regulation would establish a moving safety zone within all waters 500 yards forward of the lead parade vessel, 500 yards aft of the last parade vessel, and 200 yards to each side of the designated column as it transits north from the Verrazano Narrows Bridge to the waters west of the 79th Street Boat Basin, Manhattan, in the Hudson River. The vessels would then proceed to their berths. The regulation would also provide for a moving safety zone in all waters within a 200 yard radius around