

procedures of DOT is unnecessary. This safety zone would close a portion of the East River to all vessel traffic annually at 11:30 p.m. on December 31, until 12:45 a.m. on January 1, 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 pleasure craft and some commercial vessels can take an alternate route via the Hudson and Harlem Rivers; 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, as revised by 59 FR 38654, July 29, 1994, it is categorically excluded from further environmental

documentation. Appropriate environmental analysis of the South Street Seaport New Year's Eve fireworks will be conducted in conjunction with the marine event permitting process each year. Any environmental documentation required under the National Environmental Policy Act for issuance of a marine event permit will be completed prior to the event. 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 165.174 is added to read as follows:

§ 165.174 Safety Zone: Annual South Street Seaport New Year's Eve Fireworks Display, East River, New York.

(a) *Location.* All waters of the East River south of the Brooklyn Bridge and north of a line drawn from Pier 9, Manhattan to Pier 3, Brooklyn.

(b) *Effective period.* This section is in effect annually at 11:30 p.m. on December 31, until 12:45 a.m. on January 1, 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 C.F.R. 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 6, 1995.

T.H. Gilmour,

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

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33 CFR Part 165

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Safety Zone: Annual Rensselaer Festival Fireworks Display, Hudson River, NY

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard proposes to establish a permanent safety zone for the annual Rensselaer Festival fireworks display located in the Hudson River, Rensselaer, New York. The safety zone would be in effect annually on the third Saturday in September from 8:30 p.m. until 10 p.m., unless extended or terminated sooner by the Captain of the Port, New York. The proposed safety zone would close all waters of the Hudson River, shore to shore, north of the 42°38'12" N line of latitude and south of the Dunn Memorial Bridge, Albany, New York.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 2, 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.

Persons submitting comments should include their names and addresses, identify this notice (GCD01-95-011) 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 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, 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 City of Rensselaer has submitted an Application for Approval of Marine Event for a fireworks program in the waters of the Hudson River. This regulation would establish a safety zone in the waters of the Hudson River on the third Saturday in September from 8:30 p.m. until 10 p.m., unless extended or terminated sooner by the Captain of the Port New York. This safety zone would preclude all vessels from transiting a portion of the Hudson River, shore to shore, north of the 42°38'12" N line of latitude, and south of the Dunn Memorial Bridge, Albany, 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 Broadcasters 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 the Hudson River to all vessel traffic annually on the third Saturday in September from 8:30 p.m. until 10 p.m., 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; 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 (as revised by 59 FR 38654; July 29, 1994), 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 165.167 is added to read as follows:

§ 165.167 Safety Zone; Annual Rensselaer Festival Fireworks Display, Hudson River, New York.

(a) **Location.** All waters of the Hudson River, shore to shore, north of the 42°38'12" N line of latitude, and south of the Dunn Memorial Bridge, Albany, New York.

(b) **Effective period.** This section is in effect annually on the third Saturday in September from 8:30 p.m. until 10 p.m., unless extended or terminated sooner by the Captain of the Port New York. The effective period will be announced 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 8, 1995.

T.H. Gilmour,

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

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