

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Drafting Information**

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Regulatory History

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553, a notice of proposed rulemaking has not been published for this rule and good cause exists for making it effective in less than 30 days from the date of publication. Following normal rulemaking procedures would have been impracticable. Specifically, the sponsor's late submission of the regatta application left insufficient time to publish a notice of proposed rulemaking in advance of the scheduled event. The Coast Guard deems it to be in the public's best interest to issue a regulation immediately.

Background and Purpose

The Mississippi Belle II 4th Anniversary consists of a fireworks display. The fireworks will begin at 10 p.m. local time on June 12, 1995 and will end at 10:30 p.m. The river will be closed from 10 p.m. local time and will reopen 11 p.m. local time. In order to provide for the safety of spectators and participants, and for the safe passage of through traffic, the Coast Guard will restrict vessel movement in the regulated area. The river will be closed during part or all of the effective period to all vessel traffic except official regatta vessels and patrol craft. These regulations are issued pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 1233 and 33 CFR 100.35.

Regulatory Evaluation

This rule 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 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 rule to be so minimal that a full Regulatory Evaluation under paragraph 10e of the regulatory policies and procedures of DOT is unnecessary because of the event's short duration.

Federalism Assessment

The Coast Guard has analyzed this action in accordance with the principles and criteria of Executive Order 12612

and has determined that this rule does not raise sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

Environmental Assessment

The Coast Guard considered the environmental impact of this rule and concluded that under section 2.B.2.C of Commandant Instruction M16475.1B, (as revised by 59 FR 38654; July 29, 1994) this rule is excluded from further environmental documentation.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 100

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

Temporary Regulations

In consideration of the foregoing, Part 100 of Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations, is amended as follows:

PART 100—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for Part 100 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1233; 49 CFR 1.46 and 33 CFR 100.35.

2. A temporary section 100.35.T02-036 is added, to read as follows:

§ 100.35-T02-036 Upper Mississippi River near Clinton, Iowa.

(a) *Regulated area.* Upper Mississippi River mile 518.5 to 519.0.

(b) *Special local regulations.* (1) Except for official regatta vessels and patrol craft no person or vessel may enter or remain in the regulated area without permission of the Patrol Commander.

(2) The Coast Guard Patrol Commander will be a commissioned or petty officer designated by the Commanding Officer, Marine Safety Office St. Louis, Missouri and may be contacted, during the event, on channel 16 (156.8 MHz) by the call sign "Coast Guard Patrol Commander." The Patrol Commander may:

(i) Direct the anchoring, mooring, or movement of any vessel within the regulated area,

(ii) Restrict vessel operation within the regulated area to vessels having particular operating characteristics,

(iii) Terminate the marine event or the operation of any vessel when necessary for the protection of life and property, and

(iv) Allow vessels to transit the regulated area whenever an event is not being conducted and the transit can be completed.

(3) Coast Guard commissioned or petty officers will patrol the event on board patrol vessels which display the

Coast Guard Ensign. If radio or other voice communications are not available to communicate with a vessel, they will use a series of sharp, short blasts by whistle or horn to signal the operator of any vessel in the vicinity of the regulated area to stop. When signaled, the operator of any vessel in the immediate vicinity of the regulated area shall stop the vessel immediately and shall proceed as directed.

(4) Vessels desiring to transit the regulated area may do so only with the prior approval and direction of the Patrol Commander.

(5) The Patrol Commander will terminate enforcement of this section at the conclusion of the marine event if earlier than the announced termination time.

(c) *Effective Date.* This section is effective from 10 p.m. to 11 p.m. local time on June 12, 1995.

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33 CFR Part 110

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Anchorage Grounds; Pacific Ocean at Santa Catalina Island, CA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is reducing the Isthmus Cove Anchorage Grounds of Santa Catalina Island, CA, to exclude the area designated as the Wrigley Marine Science Center Marine Life Refuge, formerly known as the Catalina Marine Science Center Marine Life Refuge, from the Isthmus Cove Anchorage Grounds. The Coast Guard is voluntarily reducing the geographic limits of the Anchorage Grounds at the suggestion of the State of California. In establishing the Marine Life Refuge, California has prohibited unauthorized anchoring in the affected area under state law. By excluding the area encompassed by the Marine Life Refuge from the Anchorage Grounds, this action will reduce confusion among recreational and commercial mariners, and enhance the safety of navigation in support of the efforts of the State of California.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This rule is effective July 6, 1995.

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Drafting Information

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Regulatory History

On February 23, 1995, the Coast Guard published a notice of proposed rulemaking for these regulations in the *Federal Register* (60 FR 10043). The comment period ended April 24, 1995. The Coast Guard received no comments on the proposal. A public hearing was not requested and no hearing was held.

Background and Purpose

The Isthmus Cove Anchorage Grounds (the Anchorage) were codified by final rulemaking CGFR 67-46, published in 32 FR 17728 (December 12, 1967). The Wrigley Marine Science Center (the Center) was built during that same year. The Center's primary function was and continues to be to provide an environment that facilitates scientific investigation. It was intentionally located in close proximity to a virtually undisturbed marine environment to allow researchers the opportunity to conduct long-term underwater investigations of sea life under conditions where human influences are minimal.

In 1988, the state of California established the Wrigley Marine Science Center Marine Life Refuge (the Refuge), formerly known as the Catalina Marine Science Center Marine Life Refuge, near the Center. A portion of the waters of the Refuge is located within the waters of the Anchorage.

In order to protect and preserve the delicate ecosystem of the Refuge and to prevent damage caused by anchors to the valuable scientific equipment being used to conduct research within the Refuge, the state of California, as part of the original legislation establishing the Refuge, prohibits unauthorized anchoring and mooring within the Refuge.

This amendment to the Isthmus Cove Anchorage Grounds reduces the size of the Anchorage by removing from it the waters located in Fisherman Cove and those waters shoreward from a line extending approximately 50 yards from shore connecting Blue Cavern Point to

Fisherman Cove. It reduces confusion among recreational and commercial mariners, and enhances the safety of navigation in support of the efforts of the State of California, by excluding the area encompassed by the Marine Life Refuge from the Anchorage Grounds.

This amendment also describes the Anchorage more accurately by using coordinates in addition to making reference to well-known landmarks.

Regulatory Evaluation

This regulation 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 rulemaking to be so minimal that a full Regulatory Evaluation under paragraph 10e of the Department of Transportation regulatory policies and procedures is unnecessary.

Small Entities

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*), the Coast Guard must consider whether this rulemaking would have 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). Because it expects the impact of this proposal to be minimal, the Coast Guard certifies under 5 U.S.C. 605(b) that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Collection of Information

This rule contains no collection of information requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

Federalism

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

Environmental Assessment

The Coast Guard considered the environmental impact of this

rulemaking and concluded that, under section 2.B.2 of Commandant Instruction M16475.1B, this rule is categorically excluded from further environmental documentation.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 110

Anchorage grounds.

Final Regulations

In consideration of the foregoing, the Coast Guard is amending part 110 of title 33, Code of Federal Regulations, as follows:

PART 110—ANCHORAGE REGULATIONS

1. The authority citation for part 110 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 471, 2030, 2035 and 2071; 49 CFR 1.46 and 33 CFR 1.05-1(g). Section 110.1a and each section listed in 110.1a is also issued under 33 U.S.C. 1223 and 1231.

2. Section 110.216 is amended by revising paragraph (a)(2) to read as follows:

§ 110.216 Pacific Ocean at Santa Catalina Island, CA.

(a) * * *

(2) *Isthmus Cove*. All the waters bounded by a line connecting the following coordinates, beginning at 33°-27'-12" N, 118°-30'-05" W (the promontory known as Lion Head); thence southeast to 33°-26'-55.5" N, 118°-28'-44" W; thence west-southwest to 33°-26'50" N, 118°-29'-08" W; thence southwest to 33°-26'-39" N, 118°-29'-19" W; thence along the shoreline returning to the point of origin, excluding the following-described non-anchorage area: an area 300 feet wide (170 feet west and 130 feet east of the centerline of the Catalina Island Steamship Line pier), extending 1600 feet from the foot of the pier, and an area 150 feet seaward of the shoreline extending approximately 1500 feet east and 1500 feet northwest of the centerline of said pier.

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