

1491, 1497 (1997), that a voting change that violates Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. 1973 (which proscribes practices that have discriminatory results), should not on that basis alone be denied Section 5 preclearance. Accordingly, we are deleting paragraph (2) of § 51.55(b) ("Section 2").

Good cause exists under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B) and 5 U.S.C. 553(d) for implementing this rule as a final rule effective immediately without provision for public comment. The amendment simply conforms the Procedures to the Supreme Court's interpretation of the Voting Rights Act. Public comment could have no effect on this amendment.

List of Subjects in 28 CFR Part 51

Administrative practice and procedure, Archives and records, Authority delegations (Government agencies), Civil rights, Elections, Voting rights.

For the reasons stated in the preamble, 28 CFR Part 51 is amended as follows:

PART 51—PROCEDURES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF SECTION 5 OF THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1965, AS AMENDED

1. The authority citation for part 51 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 301; 28 U.S.C. 509, 510; and 42 U.S.C. 1973c.

§ 51.55 [Amended]

2. In § 51.55, the designation of paragraph (b) (1) and the word "subsequently" are removed from paragraph (b), and paragraph (b)(2) is removed.

Dated: April 23, 1998.

Janet Reno,

Attorney General.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 100

[CGD 05-98-031]

Special Local Regulations for Marine Events; Approaches to Annapolis Harbor, Spa Creek, and Severn River, Annapolis, MD

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of implementation.

SUMMARY: This notice implements the special local regulations during the transit of participating vessels from Annapolis Harbor, Maryland, to the race start area on the Chesapeake Bay for Leg 8 of the Whitbread Round-the-World sailing race on May 3, 1998. These special local regulations are necessary to control vessel traffic in the vicinity of Spa Creek and the Severn River due to the confined nature of the waterway and expected vessel congestion during the transit of the racers. The effect will be to restrict general navigation in the regulated area for the safety of race participants, spectator craft and other vessels transiting the event area.

DATES: The special local regulations are effective from 10 a.m. EDT (Eastern Daylight Time) to 11 a.m. EDT on May 3, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Chief Warrant Officer R.L. Houck, Marine Events Coordinator, Commander, Coast Guard Activities Baltimore, 2401 Hawkins Point Road, Baltimore, MD 21226-1971, (410) 576-2674.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The start for Leg 8 of the Whitbread Round-the-World sailing race will be held in the vicinity of Annapolis, Maryland, on May 3, 1998. The vessels participating in the race will conduct an organized transit from Annapolis Harbor to the race start area. Therefore, to ensure the safety of the racers, spectators and transiting vessels, 33 CFR 100.511 will be in effect for the duration of the transit to the race start area. Under provisions of 33 CFR 100.511, a vessel may not enter the regulated area unless it receives permission from the Coast Guard Patrol Commander, and the operator of any vessel in the regulated area shall stop the vessel immediately upon being directed to do so by any commissioned, warrant, or petty officer on board a vessel displaying a Coast Guard ensign. Spectator vessels may anchor outside the regulated area but may not block a navigable channel. Because these restrictions will be in effect for a limited period, they should not result in a significant disruption of maritime traffic.

Dated: April 21, 1998.

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Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Acting Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[COTP San Diego; 98-009]

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Safety Zone; Colorado River, Laughlin, NV

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary safety zone in the navigable waters of the Colorado River, Laughlin, Nevada, for the Laughlin River Days marine event on May 30 and 31, 1998. The Laughlin River Days event consists of various watercraft races and other maritime festivities. The safety zone supporting this event consists of a circular area with a radius of approximately 1500 feet centered around a single buoy located approximately equidistant between the following two points: the Laughlin Bridge, and 500 feet north of the launch ramp at Davis Camp. This safety zone is established to protect the lives and property of the event participants and spectators by establishing an exclusionary zone around the race course. Entry into, transit through, or anchoring within this zone is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port.

DATES: This regulation is effective from 7 a.m. (PDT) until 6:30 p.m. (PDT) on May 30 and 31, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Marine Safety Office San Diego, 2716 N. Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92101-1064.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

LT Mike Arguelles, U.S. Coast Guard, Marine Safety Office, San Diego at (619) 683-6484.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulatory Information

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553, a notice of proposed rulemaking was not published for this regulation and good cause exists for making it effective in less than 30 days after **Federal Register** publication. Publication of a notice of proposed rulemaking and delay of its effective date would be contrary to the public interest since the details of the safety zone boundaries necessary to support the Laughlin River Days marine event, and other logistical details surrounding the event, were not finalized until a date fewer than 30 days prior to the event date.