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Improvements to Marine Safety in Puget Sound-Area Waters

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meeting and availability of Statement of Work.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard announces a meeting to describe the methodology for a cost-benefit analysis of potential rules that would improve marine safety in Puget Sound-Area waters. The meeting is being held in conjunction with a meeting regarding the Port Access Routes Study; Strait of Juan de Fuca and Adjacent Waters (15 April 1999; 64 FR 18651).

DATES: The meeting will be held on May 12, 1999, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The meeting may conclude early if all questions are addressed before the scheduled end of the meeting.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Western Regional Center's auditorium in Building 9, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115.

For a copy of the statement of work for the cost-benefit analysis, contact Commander Timothy M. Close under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

If you would like to submit your questions on the statement of work before the meeting, they may be submitted by mail, fax, or electronic means to Commander Timothy M. Close at the address under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information concerning the meeting or to obtain a copy of the statement of work, contact Commander Timothy M. Close, Human Element and Ship Design Division (G-MSE-1), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001, telephone 202-267-2997, fax 202-267-4816, email fldr-he@comdt.uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Participation

The Coast Guard encourages you to participate by attending the meeting.

Background and Purpose

On November 24, 1998, the Coast Guard published an advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM) (63 FR 6437) seeking public comment on potential rules that would improve marine safety in Puget Sound-Area waters including Puget Sound, the Strait of Juan de Fuca, passages around and through the San Jan Islands, and the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary. The ANPRM also announced the Coast Guard's intention to begin a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis to study the feasibility of implementing new safety measures, including extended tug escort requirements for certain vessels and a dedicated pre-positioned rescue vessel. In the ANPRM, the Coast Guard requested that comments addressing cost-benefit-analysis issues be submitted to the docket by December 24, 1998. The comments received helped us develop the statement of work. The statement outlines the scope, timeline, and methodology for the cost-benefit analysis. It is this statement that will be described at the meeting. Preparation of the cost-benefit analysis, itself, is still underway.

If regulatory changes are eventually proposed, the public will have an additional opportunity to comment on the cost-benefit analysis for the selected regulatory proposals.

Meeting

The meeting is open to the public. The purpose of the meeting is to describe the statement of work and, as time allows, respond to questions on the statement. Questions during the meeting should related to the statement of work. This meeting is being held at the same location and on the same day as a meeting regarding the Port Access Routes Study; Strait of Juan de Fuca and Adjacent Waters (64 FR 18651).

Information of Service for Individuals with Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact Commander Timothy M. Close under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** as soon as possible.

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Special Local Regulations for Marine Events; Special Olympics 1999 Summer Sailing Regatta, St. Mary's River, St. Mary's City, MD

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard proposes to establish temporary special local regulations for the Special Olympics 1999 Summer Sailing Regatta, a marine event to be held on the waters of the St. Mary's River, St. Mary's City, Maryland. These special local regulations, which will be in effect 6 a.m. EDT (Eastern Daylight Time) to 5 p.m. EDT, daily from June 27 to July 2, 1999, are necessary to provide for the safety of life and property on U.S. navigable waters during the event. The effect will be to restrict general navigation in the regulated area for the safety of spectators, participants, and other vessels transiting the event area.

DATES: Comments must reach the Coast Guard on or before May 26, 1999.

ADDRESSES: You may mail comments to Commander (Aoax), Fifth Coast Guard District, 431 Crawford Street, Portsmouth, Virginia 23704-5004, or hand-deliver to Room 119 at the same address between 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is (757) 398-6204. Commander (Aoax), Fifth Coast Guard District, 431 Crawford Street, Portsmouth, Virginia 23704-5004 maintains the public docket for this rulemaking. Comments, and documents as indicated in this preamble, will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: S.L. Phillips, Project Manager, Operations Division, Auxiliary Section, at (757) 398-6204.

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 rulemaking (CGD 05-99-020) and the specific