

Protection of Children

We have analyzed this rule under E.O. 13045, Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks. This rule is not an economically significant rule and does not concern an environmental risk to health or risk to safety that may disproportionately affect children.

Environment

The Coast Guard considered the environmental impact of this rule and concluded that, under figure 2-1, paragraph (34)(h), of Commandant Instruction M16475.1C, this rule is categorically excluded from further environmental documentation. An "Environmental Analysis Checklist" and a "Categorical Exclusion Determination" is available in the docket for inspection or copying where indicated under **ADDRESSES**.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 100

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

Regulation

For the reasons set out in the preamble, the Coast Guard amends 33 CFR Part 100 as follows:

PART 100—[AMENDED]

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

Authority: 33 U.S.C 1233 through 1236; 49 CFR 1.46 and 33 CFR 100.35.

2. A temporary § 100.35-T05-089 is added to read as follows:

§ 100.35-T05-089 New Year's Celebration Fireworks, Patapsco River, Baltimore, MD.

(a) *Regulated areas:*

(1) *Inner Harbor Regulated Area.* The waters of the Patapsco River enclosed within the arc of a circle with a radius of 400 feet and with its center located at latitude 39°16'54" North, longitude 076°36'18" West. All coordinates reference Datum NAD 1983.

(2) *Northwest Harbor Regulated Area.* The waters of the Patapsco River enclosed within the arc of a circle with a radius of 500 feet and with its center located at latitude 39°16'36" North, longitude 076°35'48" West. All coordinates reference Datum NAD 1983.

(b) *Coast Guard Patrol Commander.* The Coast Guard Patrol Commander is a commissioned, warrant, or petty officer of the Coast Guard who has been designated by the Commander, Coast Guard Activities Baltimore.

(c) *Special local regulations:*

(1) All persons and/or vessels not authorized as official patrol vessels are considered spectators. The "official

patrol" consists of any Coast Guard, public, state, county or local law enforcement vessels assigned and/or approved by Commander, Coast Guard Activities Baltimore.

(2) Except for persons or vessels authorized by the Coast Guard Patrol Commander, no person or vessel may enter or remain in the regulated area.

(3) The operator of any vessel in this area shall:

(i) Stop the vessel immediately when directed to do so by the official patrol, including any commissioned, warrant, or petty officer on board a vessel displaying a Coast Guard ensign.

(ii) Proceed as directed by the official patrol, including any commissioned, warrant, or petty officer on board a vessel displaying a Coast Guard ensign.

(d) *Effective dates.* This section is effective from 11:45 p.m. on December 31, 1999 to 12:35 a.m. on January 1, 2000, and from 6:45 p.m. to 7:35 p.m. on January 1, 2000.

Dated: 22 November 1999.

J.E. Shkor,

Vice Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander Fifth Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Coast Guard****33 CFR Part 100**

[CGD 05-99-096]

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: The Coast Guard is implementing the special local regulations at 33 CFR 100.511 for the Eastport Yacht Club Lighted Boat Parade, a marine event to be held December 11, 1999, on the waters of Spa Creek and the Severn River at Annapolis, Maryland. These special local regulations are necessary to control vessel traffic due to the confined nature of the waterway and expected vessel congestion during the event. The effect will be to restrict general navigation in the regulated area for the safety of spectators and vessels transiting the event area.

DATES: This rule is effective from 4:45 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. on December 11, 1999.

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, (401) 576-2674.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Eastport Yacht Club will sponsor a lighted boat parade on the waters of the Severn River and Spa Creek at Annapolis, Maryland. The event will consist of approximately 50 vessels, ranging in length from 20 to 55 feet, traveling at slow speed along two separate parade routes in Annapolis Harbor. In order to ensure the safety of participants, spectators and transiting vessels, 33 CFR 100.511 will be in effect for the duration of the event. Under provisions of 33 CFR 100.511, vessels may not enter the regulated area without permission from the Coast Guard Patrol Commander. Spectator vessels may anchor outside the regulated area but may not block a navigable channel. Because these restrictions will only be in effect for a limited period, they should not result in a significant disruption of maritime traffic.

Dated: November 22, 1999.

J. E. Shkor,

Vice Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard Commander Fifth Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Coast Guard****33 CFR Part 117**

[CGD01-99-187]

Drawbridge Operation Regulations: Acushnet River, Annisquam River, Fore River, and Taunton River, MA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Commander, First Coast Guard District has issued a temporary deviation from the existing drawbridge regulations governing the Route 6 Bridge, mile 0.0, across the Acushnet River between New Bedford and Fairhaven; the Route 127 Bridge, mile 0.0, across the Annisquam River in Gloucester; the SR3A Bridge, mile 3.5, across the Fore River between Quincy and Weymouth, and the Route 6 Bridge, mile 1.8, across the Taunton River between Fall River and Somerset, all located in Massachusetts. This deviation from the operating regulations is necessary to test an alternate drawbridge operation schedule for the Christmas and New Year holidays. It is expected

that this alternate schedule will relieve the bridge owner of the requirement to crew the bridge on the holidays and still meet the reasonable needs of navigation.

DATES: This deviation is effective from December 24, 1999 to January 1, 2000. Comments must reach the Coast Guard on or before January 31, 2000.

ADDRESSES: You may mail comments to Commander (obr), First Coast Guard District, 408 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, MA 02110-3350, or deliver them at the same address between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is (617) 223-8364. The First Coast Guard District, Bridge Branch, 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 or copying at the above address, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except, Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John McDonald, Project Officer, First Coast Guard District, (617) 223-8364.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Comments

The Coast Guard encourages interested persons to submit comments, written data, views, or arguments, concerning this deviation from the drawbridge operation regulations. Persons submitting comments should include their names and addresses, identify this notice (CGD01-99-187) and give reasons for each comment. The Coast Guard requests that all comments and attachments be no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. Persons wanting acknowledgment of receipt of comments should enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. Persons may submit comments by writing to, Commander (obr), First Coast Guard District, 408 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02110-3350.

Background

The Route 6 Bridge (Acushnet River) has a vertical clearance of 8 feet at mean high water (MHW) and 12 feet at mean low water (MLW). The Route 127 Bridge has a vertical clearance of 7 feet at MHW and 16 feet at MLW. The Quincy-Weymouth SR3A Bridge has a vertical clearance of 33 feet at MHW and 43 feet at MLW. The Route 6 Bridge (Taunton River) has a vertical clearance of 27 feet at MHW and 31 feet at MLW.

The existing regulations for the Route 6 Bridge (Acushnet River) listed at 33 CFR 117.585 require the bridge to open on signal on the hour between 6 a.m. and 10 a.m., open at a quarter past the

hour from 11:15 a.m. to 6:15 p.m., and at all other times on signal. The Route 127 Bridge is governed by 33 CFR 117.5 and is required to open on signal at all times. The existing regulations for the Quincy Weymouth SR3A Bridge listed at 33 CFR 117.621 require it to open on signal; except that, from 6:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays, the draw will not open for vessel traffic. The draw opens at all times for self-propelled vessels greater than 10,000 gross tons. The existing regulations for the Route 6 Bridge (Taunton River) listed at 117.5 require it to open on signal at all times.

The bridge owner, Massachusetts Highway Department (MHD), asked the Coast Guard to change the operating regulations for the above bridges to require a two-hour advance notice from 6 p.m. on December 24, 1999, to midnight on December 25, 1999, and from 6 p.m. on December 31, 1999, to midnight on January 1, 2000. There have been no requests to open these bridges on the above dates in past years.

The purpose of this temporary deviation is to test an alternate operating schedule for holiday hours at the above bridges. Under this temporary deviation from the regulations the Route 6 Bridge, mile 0.0, across the Acushnet River, between New Bedford and Fairhaven, the Route 127 Bridge, mile 0.0, across the Annisquam River in Gloucester, the SR3A Bridge, mile 3.5, across the Fore River between Quincy and Weymouth, and the Route 6 Bridge, mile 1.8, across the Taunton River between Fall River and Somerset, all located in Massachusetts, shall operate as follows: The draws shall open on signal if at least a two-hour advance notice for bridge openings is given from 6 p.m. on December 24, 1999, to midnight December 25, 1999, and from 6 p.m. on December 31, 1999, to midnight on January 1, 2000. Requests for openings may be made by calling the Massachusetts Highway Department at 1-(800) 227-0608.

Vessels that can pass under the bridges without openings may do so at all times. This deviation is authorized under 33 CFR 117.43.

Dated: November 22, 1999.

R.M. Larrabee,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard Commander, First Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Parts 127, 154, 155, 159, 164, and 183; and

46 CFR Parts 28, 30, 32, 34, 35, 38, 39, 54, 56, 58, 61, 63, 76, 77, 78, 92, 95, 96, 97, 105, 108, 109, 110, 111, 114, 119, 125, 151, 153, 154, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 170, 174, 175, 182, 190, 193, 195, and 199

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Update of Standards From the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Direct final rule.

SUMMARY: By this direct final rule, the Coast Guard amends Titles 33 and 46, Code of Federal Regulations, to render current the standards incorporated by reference from the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM). Some of the standards incorporated were over 30 years out of date. This rule incorporates the most recent editions of the standards to ensure the use by regulated industry of the latest technology.

DATES: This direct final rule is effective on February 29, 2000, unless a written adverse comment, or written notice of intent to submit an adverse comment, reaches the Docket Management Facility on or before January 31, 2000. If you submit an adverse comment, or notice of intent to submit an adverse comment, the Coast Guard will withdraw this rule and publish a timely notice of withdrawal in the **Federal Register**. The incorporation by reference of publications in this rule was approved by the Director of the Federal Register on February 29, 2000.

ADDRESSES: To make sure your comments and related material are not entered more than once in the docket, please submit them by only one of the following means:

(1) By mail to the Docket Management Facility (USCG-1999-5151), U.S. Department of Transportation, room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

(2) By delivery to room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329.

(3) By fax to the Docket Management Facility at 202-493-2251.

(4) Electronically through the Web Site for the Docket Management System at <http://dms.dot.gov>.