

remaining tax basis in the plan is \$6,000. Thereafter, the amount of the outstanding loan is not treated as part of the account balance for purposes of section 72. The participant attains age 59½ in the year 2003 and receives a distribution of the full account balance under the plan consisting of \$60,000 in cash and the loan receivable. At that time, the plan's records reflect an offset of the loan amount against the loan receivable in the participant's account and a distribution of \$60,000 in cash.

(ii) For the year 2003, the plan must report a gross distribution of \$60,000 in Box 1 of Form 1099-R and a taxable amount of \$54,000 in Box 2 of Form 1099-R.

Example 3. (i) In 1993, when a participant's account balance in a plan is \$100,000, the participant receives a loan of \$50,000 from the plan. The participant makes the required loan repayments until 1995 when there is a deemed distribution of \$28,919 as a result of a failure to repay the loan. For 1995, as a result of the deemed distribution, the plan reports, in Box 1 of Form 1099-R, a gross distribution of \$28,919 (which is the initial default amount in accordance with paragraph (c)(2)(ii) of this Q&A-22) and, in Box 2 of Form 1099-R, a taxable amount of \$28,919. For 1995, the plan also records an increase in the participant's tax basis for the same amount (\$28,919). Each year thereafter through 2001, the plan reports a gross distribution equal to the interest accruing that year on the loan balance, reports a taxable amount equal to the interest accruing that year on the loan balance reduced by the participant's tax basis allocated to the gross distribution, and records a net increase in the participant's tax basis equal to that taxable amount. As of December 31, 2001, the taxable amount reported by the plan as a result of the loan totals \$44,329 and the plan's records for purposes of section 72 show that the participant's tax basis totals the same amount (\$44,329). As of January 1, 2002, the plan decides to apply Q&A-19 of this section. Accordingly, it reduces the participant's tax basis by the initial default amount of \$28,919, so that the participant's remaining tax basis in the plan is \$15,410 (\$44,329 minus \$28,919). Thereafter, the amount of the outstanding loan is not treated as part of the account balance for purposes of section 72. The participant attains age 59½ in the year 2003 and receives a distribution of the full account balance under the plan consisting of \$180,000 in cash and the loan receivable equal to the \$28,919 outstanding loan amount in 1995 plus interest accrued thereafter to the payment date in 2003. At that time, the plan's records reflect an offset of the loan amount against the loan receivable in the participant's account and a distribution of \$180,000 in cash.

(ii) For the year 2003, the plan must report a gross distribution of \$180,000 in Box 1 of Form 1099-R and a taxable amount of \$164,590 in Box 2 of Form 1099-R (\$180,000 minus the remaining tax basis of \$15,410).

Example 4. (i) The facts are the same as in Example 1, except that in 2000, after the deemed distribution, the participant receives a \$10,000 hardship distribution. At the time of the hardship distribution, the participant's

account balance under the plan totals \$50,000. For 2000, the plan reports, in Box 1 of Form 1099-R, a gross distribution of \$10,000 and, in Box 2 of Form 1099-R, a taxable amount of \$6,000 (the \$10,000 actual distribution minus \$4,000 of tax basis (\$10,000 times (\$20,000/\$50,000)) allocated to this actual distribution). The plan then records a decrease in tax basis equal to \$4,000, so that the participant's remaining tax basis as of December 31, 2000, totals \$16,000 (\$20,000 minus \$4,000). After 1999, the plan disregards, for purposes of section 72, the interest that accrues on the loan after the 1999 deemed distribution. Thus, as of December 31, 2001, the total taxable amount reported by the plan as a result of the deemed distribution plus the 2000 actual distribution is \$26,000 and the plan's records show that the participant's tax basis is \$16,000. As of January 1, 2002, the plan decides to apply Q&A-19 of this section to the loan. Accordingly, it reduces the participant's tax basis by the initial default amount of \$20,000, so that the participant's remaining tax basis in the plan is reduced from \$16,000 to zero. However, because the \$20,000 initial default amount exceeds \$16,000, the plan records a loan transition amount of \$4,000 (\$20,000 minus \$16,000). Thereafter, the amount of the outstanding loan, other than the \$4,000 loan transition amount, is not treated as part of the account balance for purposes of section 72. The participant attains age 59½ in the year 2003 and receives a distribution of the full account balance under the plan consisting of \$60,000 in cash and the loan receivable. At that time, the plan's records reflect an offset of the loan amount against the loan receivable in the participant's account and a distribution of \$60,000 in cash.

(ii) In accordance with paragraph (c)(2)(iv) of this Q&A-22, the plan must report in Box 1 of Form 1099-R a gross distribution of \$64,000 and in Box 2 of Form 1099-R a taxable amount for the participant for the year 2003 equal to \$64,000 (the sum of the \$60,000 paid in the year 2003 plus \$4,000 as the loan transition amount).

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Deputy Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

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Jonathan Talisman,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 100

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Special Local Regulations; Eighth Coast Guard District Annual Marine Events

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is revising its list of annual marine events that occur within the Eighth Coast Guard District. This action is being taken to ensure the safety of life and property during each event, while avoiding the necessity of publishing a separate temporary regulation each year for each event. This list reflects the approximate dates and locations of each annual recurring marine event.

DATES: This Final Rule will become effective September 29, 2000.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulatory Information

A notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) was published on 28 April 2000 proposing to revise Table 1 to 33 CFR 100.801, the list of annual marine events that occur within the Eighth Coast Guard District. The Coast Guard received no comments on the proposed rulemaking. A public hearing was not requested and one was not held.

Background and Purpose

This rulemaking updates the existing list of anticipated annual marine events in the Eighth Coast Guard District.

Discussion of Comments and Changes

No comments were received in response to the NPRM. The Coast Guard has added new events and updated all event descriptions, as reported by the sponsor of the event.

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. The Office of Management and Budget has not reviewed it 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 rule to be so minimal that a full Regulatory Evaluation under paragraph 10e of the regulatory policies and procedures of DOT was unnecessary. The economic impact is not significant because this rule serves only to update an already existing list of marine events and does not change the process for reviewing such occurrences.

Small Entities

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601–612), the Coast Guard considered whether this rule will have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. “Small entities” include small businesses, not-for-profit organizations that are independently owned, operated, and not dominant in their fields, and governmental jurisdictions with populations of less than 50,000.

The segment of the listed waterways regulated is the minimum necessary to assure the safety of life and property on or adjacent to navigable waters. These regulations are relatively brief in duration and will only affect marine traffic. Therefore, 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 calls for no new collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520).

Federalism

The Coast Guard has analyzed this rule under Executive Order 13132 and has determined that this rule does not have implications for federalism under that order.

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531–1538) governs the issuance of Federal regulations that require unfunded mandates. An unfunded mandate is a regulation that requires a State, local, or tribal government or the private sector to incur direct costs without the Federal Government’s having first provided the funds to pay those unfunded mandate costs. This rule will not impose an unfunded mandate.

Taking of Private Property

This rule will not effect a taking of private property or otherwise have taking implications under Executive Order 12630, Governmental Actions and Interference with Constitutionally Protected Property Rights.

Civil Justice Reform

This rule meets applicable standards in sections 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform, to minimize litigation, eliminate ambiguity, and reduce burden.

Protection of Children

The Coast Guard has analyzed this rule under Executive Order 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 is revising its list of recurring marine events. The listing itself will not affect the environment. When an event application is received, the Coast Guard will conduct an environmental analysis for the event. Under figure 2–1 paragraph (34)(h) of Coast Guard Commandant Instruction M16475.1C, this revision is categorically excluded from further environmental documentation.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 100

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

Final Regulations

In consideration of the foregoing, the Coast Guard is amending Part 100 of Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations, 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. § 100.801 is amended by revising Table 1 to read as follows:

§ 100.801 Annual Marine Events in the Eighth Coast Guard District.

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Table 1 of § 100.801—Eighth Coast Guard District Table of Annual Marine Events

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GROUP UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER

1. Riverfest Power Boat Grand Prix
Sponsor: Twin City Power Boat Association
Date: 1 Day—2nd Saturday in June
Regulated Area: Upper Mississippi River miles 980.0–981.0, Little Falls, MN
2. W.A.M.S.O. Ball Fireworks
Sponsor: St. Paul Parks and Recreation
Date: 1 Day—1st or 2nd Saturday in June
Regulated Area: Upper Mississippi River miles 839.1–839.7, St. Paul, MN
3. Winona Downtown Arts & River Festival
Sponsor: Winona Downtown

Cooperative

Date: 2 Days—2nd or 3rd Weekend in June

Regulated Area: Upper Mississippi River miles 725.0–726.0, Winona, MN

4. La Crosse Riverfest
Sponsor: Riverfest, Inc.
Date: 5 Days—Last Week of June or 1st Week of July
Regulated Area: Upper Mississippi River miles 698.0–699.0, La Crosse, WI
5. Fair St. Louis
Sponsor: Fair St. Louis Committee
Date: 3 Days—1st Week in July
Regulated Area: Upper Mississippi River miles 179.2–180.0, St. Louis, MO
6. Fourth of July River Front Blast
Sponsor: Alton Exposition Commission
Date: 1 Day—1st Week in July
Regulated Area: River Front Park, Upper Mississippi River miles 202.5–203.5, Alton, IL
7. Steamboat days
Sponsor: Winona Area Jaycees
Date: 3 Days—1st Weekend in July
Regulated Area: Upper Mississippi River miles 725.0–726.0, Winona, MN
8. Independence Day Celebration
Sponsor: Marquette American Legion
Date: 2 Days—1st Week in July
Regulated Area: Upper Mississippi River miles 634.5–634.7, Marquette, IA
9. City of Redwing 4th of July Fireworks
Sponsor: City of Redwing
Date: 1 Day—4th of July
Regulated Area: Upper Mississippi River miles 790.0–791.0, Red Wing, MN
10. City of Minneapolis 4th of July Fireworks
Sponsor: City of Minneapolis
Date: 1 Day—4th of July
Regulated Area: Upper Mississippi River miles 854.7–855.8, Minneapolis, MN
11. The Great Steamboat Race
Sponsor: Delta Queen Steamboat Company
Date: 1 Day—4th of July
Regulated Area: Upper Mississippi River miles 173.6–179.2, St. Louis, MO
12. Celebrate the Bridge Regatta
Sponsor: Minneapolis Rowing Club
Date: 1 Day—2nd or 3rd Saturday in July
Regulated Area: Upper Mississippi River miles 849.8–850.4, Minneapolis, MN
13. Hastings Rivertown Days
Sponsor: Hastings Chamber of Commerce
Date: 3 Days—3rd Weekend in July

- Regulated Area: Upper Mississippi River miles 813.0–815.2, Hastings, MN
14. Lumberjack Days Festival
Sponsor: St. Croix Events and/or City of Stillwater
Date: 4 Days—3rd or 4th Weekend in July
Regulated Area: Lower St. Croix River miles 22.9–23.5, Stillwater, MN
15. Minneapolis Aquatennial
Sponsor: Minneapolis Aquatennial Association
Date: 9 Days—3rd Weekend through 4th Weekend in July
Regulated Area: Upper Mississippi River miles 854.7–856.2, Minneapolis, MN
16. Big Splash Festival
Sponsor: City of Prairie du Chien and Lentzkow Racing
Date: 4 Days—3rd Weekend of July
Regulated Area: Upper Mississippi River miles 634.5–636.0, Prairie du Chien, WI
17. RiverFeast
Sponsor: Capital City Partnership d.b.a. RiverFeast
Date: 1 Day—3rd or 4th Saturday in July
Regulated Area: Upper Mississippi River miles 839.0–839.8, St. Paul, MN
18. River City Days
Sponsor: Red Wing Chamber of Commerce
Date: 2 Days—1st or 2nd Weekend in August
Regulated Area: Upper Mississippi River miles 790.0–792.0, Red Wing, MN
19. Riverboat Days
Sponsor: City of Yankton, Twin City Power Boat Association, WNAX Radio
Date: 3 Days—3rd Weekend in August
Regulated Area: Missouri River miles 805.0–806.0, Yankton, SD
20. Labor Day Celebration
Sponsor: City of McGregor Chamber of Commerce
Date: 4 Days—Last Weekend in August
Regulated Area: Upper Mississippi River miles 633.0–634.0, McGregor, IA
21. Busch Beer Drag Boat Classic
Sponsor: St. Louis Drag Boat Association
Date: 2 Days—1st or 2nd Week of September
Regulated Area: Kaskaskia River miles 28.0–29.0, New Athens, IL
22. Minnesota Orchestra on the Mississippi Fireworks Show
Sponsor: City of St. Paul Parks and Recreation
Date: 1 Day—1st or 2nd Saturday in September
- Regulated Area: Upper Mississippi River miles 839.1–839.7, St. Paul, MN
- GROUP OHIO VALLEY*
1. Eskimo Escapades—Water Ski Race
Sponsor: Skiers of Knoxville, TN
Date: 1 Day—2nd Saturday in January
Regulated Area: Tennessee River miles 648.0–649.0, Knoxville, TN
2. Tom White Invitational—Rowing
Sponsor: Oak Ridge (Tennessee) Rowing Association
Date: 1 Day—2nd or 3rd Saturday in March
Regulated Area: Clinch River miles 49.8–51.1, Anderson County, TN
3. Thunder Over Louisville
Sponsor: Thunder Over Louisville
Date: 1 Day—3rd Saturday in April
Regulated Area: Ohio River miles 602.0–605.0, Louisville, KY
4. Marietta Invitational Rowing Regatta
Sponsor: Marietta High School
Date: 2nd Week of April
Regulated Area: Muskingum River Mile 0.5–1.5, Marietta, OH
5. Southeast Intercollegiate Rowing Championships—Rowing Race
Sponsor: Oak Ridge (Tennessee) Rowing Association
Date: 2 Days—3rd Weekend in April
Regulated Area: Clinch River miles 49.8–51.1, Anderson County, TN
6. Oak Ridge Scholastics—Rowing Shells
Sponsor: Oak Ridge (Tennessee) Rowing Association
Date: 1 Day—4th Saturday in April
Regulated Area: Clinch River miles 49.8–51.1, Anderson County, TN
7. Kentucky Derby Festival Great Steamboat Race
Sponsor: Kentucky Derby Festival/Belle of Louisville Operating Board
Date: 1 Day—Last Week in April or First Week in May
Regulated Area: Ohio River 597.0–604.0, Louisville, KY
8. Annual Boat Review—Marine Parade
Sponsor: Chattanooga Marine Trade Association
Date: 1 Day—1st Saturday in May
Regulated Area: Tennessee River miles 471.0–478.0, Hamilton County, TN
9. TRRA Scholastic Sprint
Sponsor: Three Rivers Rowing Association, Pittsburgh, PA
Date: 1 Day—1st Sunday in May
Regulated Area: Allegheny River miles 2.0–4.0, Pittsburgh, PA
10. UT Coaches Regatta—Rowing Race
Sponsor: Oak Ridge (Tennessee) Rowing Association
Date: 1 Day—2nd or 3rd Saturday in May
Regulated Area: Clinch River miles 49.8–51.1, Anderson County, TN
11. NCAA Regional Championships—Rowing Race
Sponsor: Oak Ridge (Tennessee) Rowing Association
Date: 1 Day—2nd or 3rd Saturday in May
Regulated Area: Clinch River miles 49.8–51.1, Anderson County, TN
12. Blessing of the Fleet—Parade of Boats
Sponsor: Jonathan Aurora Action Committee, Aurora, KY
Date: 1 Day—2nd or 3rd Weekend in May
Regulated Area: Tennessee River miles 42.0–43.0, Aurora, KY
13. West Virginia Governors Cup Regatta
Sponsor: University of Charleston
Date: 3rd Week of May
Regulated Area: Kanawha River Mile 59.5–62.0, Charleston, WV
14. Boats and Music Regatta
Sponsor: The Great Kanawha River Navy
Date: Last Week of May
Regulated Area: Kanawha River Mile 57.9–58.9, Charleston, WV
15. Albert Gallatin Regatta
Sponsor: Point Marion (Pennsylvania) Rotary Club
Date: 2 Days—Saturday & Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend
Regulated Area: Monongahela River miles 89.9–90.8, Point Marion, PA
16. West Virginia Symphony Fireworks
Sponsor: West Virginia Symphony
Date: 1st Week of June
Regulated Area: Kanawha River Mile 59.4–60.4, Charleston, WV
17. Riverbend Festival—Concerts and Fireworks
Sponsor: Friends of the Festival, Chattanooga, TN
Date: 4 Days—1st & 2nd Weekend in June
Regulated Area: Tennessee River miles 463.4–464.5, Chattanooga, TN
18. Annual Superman Celebration—Fireworks
Sponsor: Metro Chamber, Metropolis, IL
Date: 1 Day—2nd Saturday in June
Regulated Area: Ohio River miles 942.0–943.0, Metropolis, IL
19. Saint Brendan Cup Rowing Race
Sponsor: Pittsburgh Irish Rowing Club
Date: 1 Day—2nd or 3rd Saturday in June
Regulated Area: Ohio River miles 7.0–9.0, Pittsburgh, PA
20. Blessing of The Fleet
Sponsor: Pittsburgh Safe Boating Committee
Date: 1 Day—2nd or 3rd Sunday in June
Regulated Area: Allegheny River miles 0.0–0.2, Pittsburgh, PA
21. River Heritage Days Regatta And Powerboat Races

- Sponsor: River Heritage Days Committee
Date: 2 Days—Saturday & Sunday—2nd or 3rd Weekend in June
Regulated Area: Ohio River miles 127.6–128.5, New Martinsville, WV
22. Picnic With the Pops
Sponsor: Huntington Symphony Orchestra
Date: 2nd or 3rd week of June
Regulated Area: Ohio River Mile 307.5–308.5, Huntington, WV
23. Point Pleasant Sternwheel Regatta and River Festival
Sponsor: Point Pleasant Sternwheel Regatta
Date: 3 Days—Last Weekend in June
Regulated Area: Ohio River miles 265.0–266.0, Point Pleasant, WV
24. Thunder On The Ohio
Sponsor: Evansville Freedom Festival
Date: 3 Days—Last Weekend in June
Regulated Area: Ohio River miles 792.0–793.0, Evansville, IN
25. Augusta Sternwheel Days
Sponsor: City of Augusta/Sternwheel Days Committee
Date: 1 Day—Last Saturday in June
Regulated Area: Ohio River miles 426.0–429.0, Augusta, KY
26. Festival On The Lake—Rowing Race
Sponsor: Oak Ridge (Tennessee) Rowing Association
Date: 2 Days—4th Weekend in June
Regulated Area: Clinch River miles 50.3–50.8, Anderson County, TN
27. Chattanooga Dam Triathlon—Lake Swim
Sponsor: Chattanooga Track Club
Date: 1 Day—4th Sunday in June
Regulated Area: Tennessee River miles 471.0–471.5, Chattanooga, TN
28. Charleston 4th of July Celebration
Sponsor: Charleston Festival Commission
Date: 1st Week of July
Regulated Area: Kanawha River Mile 50.9–51.9, Charleston, WV
29. Annual River Recreational Festival
Sponsor: Gallia County Chamber of Commerce
Date: 1st Week of July
Regulated Area: Ohio River Mile 269.0–270.0, Gallipolis, OH
30. Civic Forum Fireworks and Entertainment
Sponsor: Civic Forum
Date: 1st Week of July
Regulated Area: Ohio River Mile 355.5–356.5, Portsmouth, OH
31. Freedomfest
Sponsor: WTCR FM
Date: 1st Week of July
Regulated Area: Ohio River Mile 307.5–308.5, Huntington, WV
32. City of Pittsburgh July 4th Celebration
Sponsor: Citiparks
Date: 1 Day—4th of July
Regulated Area: Ohio River miles 0.0–0.2, Pittsburgh, PA
33. EZ Challenge Speedboat Race
Sponsor: APR Events Group, New Martinsville, WV
Date: 2 Days—Saturday & Sunday on or about 4th of July
Regulated Area: Ohio River miles 77.0–78.0, Brooke County, WV
34. St. Albans Riverfest
Sponsor: St. Albans Riverfest, Inc.
Date: 2 Days—1st Weekend in July
Regulated Area: Kanawha River miles 46.0–47.0, St. Albans, WV
35. Summer Motion Festival Tri-State Fireworks
Sponsor: Tri-State Fair and Regatta Committee
Date: 1 Day—4th of July
Regulated Area: Ohio River miles 322.4–322.6, Ashland, KY
36. Indiana Governor's Cup
Sponsor: Madison Regatta Inc.
Date: 3 Days—1st Weekend in July
Regulated Area: Ohio River miles 557.0–558.0, Madison, IN
37. The New Kensington Recreational Commission's Fireworks Display
Sponsor: New Kensington Recreation Commission
Date: One day—July 3rd
Regulated Area: Allegheny River mile 18.3–18.7
38. Toronto 4th of July Celebration
Sponsor: Toronto 4th of July Committee
Date: One day—July 3rd
Regulated Area: Ohio River between mile 58.1–59.1
39. Wheeling Symphony Conducky Derby
Sponsor: Wheeling Symphony Society Inc.
Date: One day—July 4th
Regulated Area: Ohio River between mile 90.2–90.7
40. Independence Day Celebration—Fireworks
Sponsor: Paducah Parks Department
Date: 1 Day—4th of July
Regulated Area: Ohio River miles 935.5–936.0, Paducah, KY
41. Independence Day Celebration—Boat Parade and Fireworks
Sponsor: Metropolitan Board of Parks and Recreation, Nashville, TN
Date: 1 Day—4th of July
Regulated Area: Cumberland River miles 190.0–191.0, Nashville, TN
42. 4th of July Celebration—Fireworks
Sponsor: Players Riverboat Casino, Metropolis, IL
Date: 1 Day—3rd or 4th of July
Regulated Area: Ohio River miles 943.0–944.0, Metropolis, IL
43. Lottie McAlice Rowing Race
Sponsor: Three Rivers Rowing Association, Pittsburgh, PA
Date: 2 Days—Saturday & Sunday
Near July 15
Regulated Area: Allegheny River miles 2.0–3.0, Pittsburgh, PA
44. Rocketman Triathlon—Lake Swim
Sponsor: Spring City Triathletes, Huntsville, AL
Date: 1 Day—2nd or 3rd Saturday in July
Regulated Area: Tennessee River miles 324.0–324.5, Madison County, TN
45. Cross River Swim Paducah Summerfest
Sponsor: Paducah Tourist & Convention Commission
Date: 1 Day—3rd Saturday in July
Regulated Area: Ohio River miles 934.5–936.0, Paducah, KY
46. Oak Ridge Sprints—Rowing Race
Sponsor: Oak Ridge (Tennessee) Rowing Association
Date: 3 Days—3rd Weekend in July
Regulated Area: Clinch River miles 49.8–51.1, Anderson County, TN
47. Summerfest
Sponsor: Tri-State Fair and Regatta
Date: 3rd or 4th Week of July
Regulated Area: Ohio River Mile 307.5–308.5, Huntington, WV
48. Fitness System's Lock Triathlon—Lake Swim
Sponsor: Greater Knoxville Triathlon Club
Date: 1 Day—4th Weekend in July
Regulated Area: Clinch River miles 22.0–23.0, Loudon County, TN
49. Paducah Summer Festival—Fireworks
Sponsor: Paducah Promotions
Date: 1 Day—4th Weekend In July
Regulated Area: Ohio River miles 934.0–935.0, Paducah, KY
50. Oakmont Regatta
Sponsor: Oakmont Yacht Club, Oakmont, PA
Date: 2 Days—Last Saturday and Sunday in July
Regulated Area: Allegheny River miles 11.8–12.3, Oakmont, PA
51. Pittsburgh Three Rivers Regatta
Sponsor: Pittsburgh Three Rivers Regatta, Inc.
Date: 7 Days—End of July or beginning of August
Regulated Area: One mile around point at confluence of Allegheny River miles 0.0–1.0, Monongahela River miles 0.0–0.2, and Ohio River miles 0.0–0.9, Pittsburgh, PA
52. Beaver County Riverfest
Sponsor: Beaver County Chamber of Commerce, Beaver, PA
Date: 3 Days—Friday, Saturday & Sunday nearest August 15
Regulated Area: Ohio River miles 25.1–25.8, Beaver River miles 0.1–0.3, Beaver County, PA
53. Belpre Ohio Homecoming
Sponsor: Belpre Ohio Chamber of

- Commerce
Date: 2nd Week of August
Regulated Area: Ohio River Mile 185.5–186.5, Belpre, OH
54. Rumble on the River
Sponsor: Southern Ohio Water Sports
Date: 2nd Week of August
Regulated: Ohio River Mile 355.5–356.5, Portsmouth OH
55. Steubenville (Ohio) Regatta Rumble On The River
Sponsor: Steubenville Regatta And Racing Association, Inc.
Date: 3 Days—Friday, Saturday & Sunday nearest August 15
Regulated Area: Ohio River miles 65.0–67.0, Jefferson County, OH
56. Armstrong County (Pennsylvania) Regatta
Sponsor: Three Rivers Outboard Racing Association
Date: 2 Days—Saturday & Sunday nearest August 15
Regulated Area: Allegheny River miles 43.8–45.7, Armstrong County, PA
57. Parkersburg Homecoming Festival
Sponsor: Parkersburg Homecoming Festival
Date: 2 Days—3rd Weekend in August
Regulated Area: Ohio River miles 184.0–185.0, Parkersburg, WV
58. Kentucky Drag Boat Association Inc.: Drag Boat Races
Sponsor: Kentucky Drag Boat Association Inc.
Date: 3 Days—End of August
Regulated Area: Green River miles 70.0–71.5, Livermore, KY
59. WEBN/Toyota Fireworks
Sponsor: WEBN
Date: 1 Day—Sunday before Labor Day
Regulated Area: Ohio River 469.2–470.5, Cincinnati, OH
60. Charleston Sternwheel Regatta
Sponsor: Charleston Festival Commission
Date: 4 Days—The 2 Weekends before Labor Day
Regulated Area: Kanawha River miles 57.0–59.0, Charleston, WV
61. Aurora APR Power Boat Races
Sponsor: Aurora Riverfront Beautification
Date: August 29
Regulated Area: Ohio River, at approximately mile 496.0–499.0, mid-channel, Aurora, IN
62. Portsmouth River Days
Sponsor: Portsmouth River Days Inc.
Date: 1st Week of September
Regulated Area: Ohio River Mile 355.5–356.5, Portsmouth, OH
63. Ohio River Sternwheel Festival
Sponsor: Ohio River Sternwheel Festival Commission
Date: 2 Days—1st or 2nd Weekend in September
- Regulated Area: Ohio River miles 170.0–180.0, Marietta, OH
64. My 102 Booms Day—Fireworks
Sponsor: WMYU Radio, Knoxville, TN
Date: 1 Day—1st Weekend in September
Regulated Area: Tennessee River miles 645.0–649.0, Knoxville, TN
65. Ducks On The Ohio
Sponsor: Goodwill Industries, Inc.
Date: 1 Day—2nd or 3rd Weekend in September
Regulated Area: Ohio River miles 792.0–793.0, Evansville, IN
66. Head of Licking Regatta
Sponsor: Kendle, Cincinnati Rowing Club, City of Newport
Date: 1 Day—Last Saturday in September
Regulated Area: Licking River miles 0.0–3.5, Newport, KY
67. Fleur De Lis Regatta
Sponsor: City of Louisville, KY
Date: 2 Days—Last Weekend in September
Regulated Area: Ohio River miles 602.0–604.0, Louisville, KY,
68. Head of The Ohio
Sponsor: Pittsburgh Mercy Foundation
Date: 1 Day—1st Saturday in October
Regulated Area: Allegheny River miles 0.0–4.0, Pittsburgh, PA
69. Chattanooga Head Race—Rowing Race
Sponsor: Look Out Rowing Club
Date: 1 Day—2nd Saturday in October
Regulated Area: Tennessee River miles 464.0–467.0, Chattanooga, TN
70. Head of Tennessee Regatta
Sponsor: Knoxville Rowing Association
Date: 1 Day—2nd Saturday in October
Regulated Area: Tennessee River miles 641.5–645.0, Knoxville, TN
71. City of Pittsburgh Light Up Night Fireworks
Sponsor: Citiparks
Date: 1 Day—1st Friday in November
Regulated Area: Ohio River miles 0.0–0.2, Pittsburgh, PA
72. Light Up Pittsburgh
Sponsor: Kauffmans
Date: 3rd Friday in November
Regulated Area: Ohio River mile 0.0–0.1
73. Christmas on the River—Marine Parade
Sponsor: Chattanooga Downtown Partnership
Date: 1 Day—Last Weekend in November or 1st Weekend in December
Regulated Area: Tennessee River miles 464.0–469.0, Chattanooga, TN
74. First Night Pittsburgh
Sponsor: Forest City Management
Date: One day—31 December
- Regulated Area: Ohio River mile 0.0–0.1
- GROUP LOWER MISSISSIPPI RIVER*
1. Memphis in May Canoe & Kayak Race
Sponsor: Outdoors, Inc.
Date: 1 Day—1st or 2nd Saturday in May
Regulated Area: Lower Mississippi River miles 735.5–738.5, Memphis, TN
2. Duckin' Down the River Rubber Duck Race
Sponsor: Young Women's Community Guild
Date: 1 Day—1st or 2nd Saturday in May
Regulated Area: Arkansas River miles 308.2–308.6, Fort Smith, AR
3. Memphis in May Sunset Symphony Fireworks Display
Sponsor: Memphis in May International Festival, Inc.
Date: 1 Day—Saturday before Memorial Day
Regulated Area: Lower Mississippi River miles 735.0–736.0, Memphis, TN
4. Riverfest, Little Rock Arkansas
Sponsor: Riverfest, Inc.
Date: 1 Day—Sunday before Memorial Day
Regulated Area: Arkansas River miles 118.8–119.5, Main Street Bridge, Little Rock, AR
5. Riverfest Fireworks Display
Sponsor: Old Fort Riverfest Committee
Date: 1 Day—2nd or 3rd Saturday in June
Regulated Area: Arkansas River miles 297.0–298.0, Fort Smith, AR
6. Fourth of July Fireworks
Sponsor: Memphis Center City Commission
Date: 1 Day—4th of July
Regulated Area: Lower Mississippi River miles 735.5–736.5, Mud Island, Memphis, TN
7. Pops on the River Fireworks Display
Sponsor: Arkansas Democrat-Gazette
Date: 1 Day—4th of July
Regulated Area: Arkansas River miles 118.8–119.5, Main Street Bridge, Little Rock AR
8. Fourth of July Celebration
Sponsor: Pickwick Landing State Park
Date: 4th of July
Regulated Area: Tennessee River Mile 206.7–209.0, Pickwick Dam, TN
9. Independence Day Celebration
Sponsor: City of Guntersville
Date: 4th of July
Regulated Area: Tennessee River Miles 356.0–360.0, Guntersville, AL
10. Spirit of Freedom Celebration
Sponsor: WLAY Radio
Date: 4th of July
Regulated Area: Tennessee River Mile

- 255.0–256.5, Sheffield, AL
11. Meat on the River Barbecue Cook-Off Fireworks Display
Sponsor: Meat on the Mississippi
Date: 1 Day—1st Friday or Saturday in August
Regulated Area: Lower Mississippi River miles 847.0–849.0, Caruthersville, MO
12. Budweiser/Jesse Brent Memorial Boat Racing Association
Sponsor: Budweiser/Jesse Brent Memorial Boat Racing Association
Date: 1 Day—Sunday before Labor Day
Regulated Area: Lake Ferguson, Greenville, MS
13. Arkansas National Drag Boat Races
Sponsor: Mid-South Drag Boat Association
Date: 2 Days—Saturday and Sunday before Labor Day
Regulated Area: Lake Langhofer, Arkansas River miles 71.0–71.5, Pine Bluff, AR
14. The Great River Cook-Off Ski Exhibition
Sponsor: North Little Rock Junior League
Date: 2nd Weekend in September
Regulated Area: Arkansas River miles 118.8–119.1, Little Rock, AR
- Regulated Area: Entire Biloxi Channel, Biloxi, MS
6. Blessing of the Fleet—Bayou La Batre, AL
Sponsor: St. Margaret Church
Date: 1 Day—2nd or 3rd Sunday in May
Regulated Area: Entire Bayou La Batre, Bayou La Batre, AL
7. Annual Krewe of Billy Bowlegs Pirate Festival
Sponsor: Krewe of Billy Bowlegs of Okaloosa County, Inc.
Date: First weekend in June
Regulated Area: Santa Rosa Sound, east of the Brooks Bridge to Fort Walton Yacht Club at Smack Point at the western end of Choctowatchee Bay and Cinco Bayou
8. Independence Day Fireworks, Destin, FL
Sponsor: City of Destin
Date: 1 Day—4th of July
Regulated Area: The entire Destin East Pass Between and Including Buoys 5 to 11, Destin, FL
9. Independence Day Fireworks, Gulf Shores, AL
Sponsor: City of Gulf Shores
Date: 1 Day—4th of July
Regulated Area: 500 yard radius around fireworks platform adjacent to Main Pavilion at Gulf Shore Public Beach, Gulf Shores, AL
10. Independence Day Fireworks, Panama City, FL
Sponsor: US Navy MWR NSWCCSS CP21
Date: 1 Day—4th of July
Regulated Area: 500 yard radius around fireworks platform adjacent to Hathaway Bridge in St. Andrews Bay, Panama City, FL
11. Independence Day Fireworks, Niceville & Valparaiso, FL
Sponsor: Niceville-Valparaiso Bay Chamber of Commerce
Date: 1 Day—4th of July
Regulated Area: Entire Boggy Bayou, Valparaiso, FL
12. Fourth of July Fireworks, Mobile
Sponsor: Mobile Register
Date: 1 Day—4th of July
Regulated Area: 500 feet from the east bank of the Lower Mobile River between latitudes 30–41.34N and 30–41.24N.
13. Flag Day Parade
Sponsor: Warrior River Boating Association
Date: 1 Day—July 5th
Regulated Area: Warrior River Bankhead Lake River miles 368.4–386.4, Cottondale, AL
14. Blue Angels Air Show, Pensacola Beach
Sponsor: Naval Air Station, Pensacola, FL
- Date: 2nd weekend in July
Regulated Area: A 5 nautical mile radius from a center point located 1500 feet out from the Pensacola Beach shoreline in front of the Pensacola Beach water tank.
15. MWR Fort to Fort Swim
Sponsor: Morale, Welfare and Recreation, Naval Air Station, Pensacola, FL
Date: First weekend in August
Regulated Area: Fort Pickens Pier to Barrancas Beach, crossing the Gulf Intracoastal Water Eay at statute mile 180, between buoys 13, 14, 15, and 16.
16. Annual Labor Day Fireworks
Sponsor: City of Destin, FL
Date: Day of or day before Labor Day
Regulated Area: The entire Destin East Pass Between and Including Buoys 5 to 11, Destin, FL
17. Christmas Afloat, Tuscaloosa, AL
Sponsor: Christmas Afloat, Inc.
Date: 1 Day—2nd or 3rd Weekend in December
Regulated Area: Warrior River miles 338.0–341.0, Tuscaloosa County, AL

*GROUP NEW ORLEANS**GROUP MOBILE*

1. Air Sea Rescue
Sponsor: Gulf Coast Shows
Date: 1st or 2nd Weekend in February
Regulated Area: Mobile River ½ mile upriver and ½ mile down river from the Mobile Convention Center, Mobile, AL
2. Bass Tournament Weigh-In
Sponsor: Gulf Coast Shows
Date: 2 Days—3rd or 4th Weekend in February
Regulated Area: Mobile River ½ mile upriver and ½ mile down river from the Mobile Convention Center, Mobile, AL
3. Water Ski Demonstrations
Sponsor: Gulf Coast Shows
Date: 2 Days—3rd or 4th Weekend in February
Regulated Area: Mobile River ½ mile upriver and ½ mile down river from the Mobile Convention Center, Mobile, AL
4. Mobile Boat and Sportsman Show
Sponsor: Gulf Coast Shows
Date: Last week of February
Regulated Area: Mobile River, ½ mile upriver and ½ mile down river from the Mobile Convention Center, Lower Mobile River
5. Blessing of the Fleet—Biloxi, MS
Sponsor: St. Michael's Catholic Church
Date: 1 Day—1st or 2nd Sunday in May
1. Blessing of The Fleet
Sponsor: Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church, Golden Meadow, LA
Date: 1 Day—2nd Saturday in May
Regulated Area: Bayou Lafourche in the area between Galliano, LA to the area of downtown Golden Meadow, LA
2. The Blessing of the Fleet and Fireworks Display, Morgan City, LA
Sponsor: LA Shrimp And Petroleum Festival and Fair Assoc., Inc.
Date: 1 Day—Sunday of Labor Day Weekend
Regulated Area: Berwick Bay From Junction of the Lower Atchafalaya River at Morgan City, LA to Berwick Locks Buoy 1 (LLNR 18445)
3. July Fourth Fireworks Display
Sponsor: City of Morgan City, LA
Date: 1 Day—4th of July
Regulated Area: Mile marker 0.0–1.0, Morgan City Port Allen Route
4. Annual Patterson Pirogue Race, Patterson, LA
Sponsor: Rotary Club of Patterson
Date: 1 Day—4th of July
Regulated Area: Lower Atchafalaya River—Jennings Bridge to 1 mile South of Jennings Bridge, Patterson, LA
5. USS KIDD Star Spangled Celebration, Baton Rouge, LA
Sponsor: USS KIDD and Nautical Center
Date: 1 Day—4th of July
Regulated Area: Lower Mississippi

- River miles 229.4–229.6, Baton Rouge, LA
6. Uncle Sam Jam Fireworks, Alexandria, LA
Sponsor: Champion Broadcasting of Alexandria
Date: 1 Day—4th of July
Regulated Area: Red River, miles 83.0–87.0, Alexandria, LA
7. Monroe Jaycees Fireworks, Monroe, LA
Sponsor: Monroe Jaycees
Date: 1 Day—4th of July
Regulated Area: Ouachita River, miles 164.0–169.0, at the Parish Court House, Monroe, LA
8. Boomtown Casino Fireworks, Harvey, LA
Sponsor: Boomtown Casino
Date: 1 Day—4th of July
Regulated Area: Harvey Canal, miles 3.5–5.5, the entire width of the canal, Harvey, LA
9. Kenner Fireworks, Kenner, LA
Sponsor: City of Kenner
Date: 1 Day—4th of July
Regulated Area: 500 yard radius around fireworks platform in Lake Pontchartrain at Williams Blvd, Kenner, LA
10. Bally's Casino Fireworks, New Orleans, LA
Sponsor: Bally's Casino
Date: 1 Day—4th of July
Regulated Area: 500 yard radius around fireworks platform in Lake Pontchartrain, ¼ miles North of Bally's Casino, New Orleans, LA
11. Riverfront Marketing Fireworks, New Orleans, LA
Sponsor: Riverfront Marketing Group
Date: 1 Day—4th of July
Regulated Area: 500 yard radius around fireworks platform adjacent to Woldenburg Park in Mississippi River, New Orleans, LA
12. Annual Hogdown Fireworks, Mandeville, LA
Sponsor: Mr. R. C. Lunn
Date: 1 Day—4th of July
Regulated Area: 500 yard radius around fireworks platform adjacent to intersection of Tangipahoa River and Lake Pontchartrain, Mandeville, LA
13. Riverfront Marketing Fireworks, New Orleans
Sponsor: Jax Brewery
Date: 1 Day—December 31
Regulated Area: 500 yard radius around fireworks platform in Mississippi River adjacent to Woldenburg Park, New Orleans, LA
14. Riverfront Marketing Fireworks, New Orleans
Sponsor: Riverfront Marketing Group
Date: 1 Day—Lundi Gras Day
Regulated Area: 500 yard radius around fireworks platform in Mississippi River adjacent to Algiers Point, New Orleans, LA
- GROUP GALVESTON*
1. Neches River Festival, Beaumont, TX
Sponsor: Neches River Festival, Inc.
Date: 2 Days—3rd Weekend in April
Regulated Area: Neches River from Collier's Ferry Landing to Lawson's Crossing at the end of Pine St. Beaumont, TX
2. Contraband Days Fireworks Display, Lake Charles, LA
Sponsor: Contraband Days Festivities, Inc.
Date: 1 Day—2nd Saturday of May
Regulated Area: 500 foot radius from the fireworks barge in Lake Charles anchored at approximate position 30°13'54" N–093°13'42" W, Lake Charles, LA
3. National Safe Boating Week
Sponsor: Houston Power Squadron
Date: Last weekend in May or first weekend in June
Regulated Area: Clear Creek Channel from Light 2 up to, but not including, the South Shore Harbor Marina.
4. Sylvan Beach Fireworks Display, Sylvan Beach, Houston, TX
Sponsor: City of LaPorte
Date: 1 Day—End of June or Early July
Regulated Area: Rectangle Extending 250 feet East, 250 feet West; 1000 feet North, and 1000 feet South, centered around fireworks barge at Sylvan Beach, Houston, TX
5. Neches River 4th of July Celebration, Beaumont, Texas
Sponsor: City of Beaumont
Date: 1 Day—4th of July
Regulated Area: River Front Park, Beaumont, TX—All waters of the Neches River, bank to bank, from the Trinity Industries Dry Dock to the northeast corner of the Port of Beaumont's dock No. 5
6. Clear Lake Fireworks Display, Clear Lake, Houston, TX
Sponsor: Clear Lake Chamber of Commerce
Date: 1 Day—4th of July
Regulated Area: Rectangle extending 500 feet East, 500 feet West; 1000 feet North, and 1000 feet South, centered around fireworks barge at Light #19 on Clear Lake, Houston, TX
7. Blessing of the Fleet
Sponsor: Clear Lake Elks Club
Date: First Sunday in August
Regulated Area: Clear Creek Channel from Light 2 up to, but not including, the South Shore Harbor Marina.
8. Galveston Harbor Lighted Boat Parade
Sponsor: Historic Downtown/Strand Partnership
Date: Last Saturday in November
Regulated Area: Galveston Channel from Pier 9 to the Pelican Island Bridge
9. Christmas on the Neches River, Port Neches Park
Sponsor: Port Neches Chamber of Commerce
Date: 1 Day—1st Saturday in December
Regulated Area: The areas of the Neches River from Neches River light 26 to Neches River light 30, Neches River Front Park, Port Neches, TX
10. Christmas Boat Parade on Clear Lake
Sponsor: Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce
Date: 2nd Saturday in December
Regulated Area: Clear Lake, Texas. From South Shore Harbor Marina down Clear Lake Channel, to Clear Creek Channel Light 2.
- GROUP CORPUS CHRISTI*
1. Buccaneer Days Fireworks Display
Sponsor: Buccaneer Commission, Inc.
Date: 1 Day—Last Friday in April or First Friday in May
Regulated Area: Bayfront, All Waters inside Corpus Christi Marina Levee, Corpus Christi Bay, TX
2. SPI Windsurf Blowout
Sponsor: South Padre Island Convention and Visitors Bureau
Date: 2 Day—First Saturday and Sunday in May
Regulated Area: Rectangle extending one mile East, Half mile North and Half mile South from Position 26–08N, 97–10.5W, in the Laguna Madre area known as "The Flats", South Padre Island, TX
3. Corpus Christi 4th of July Fireworks Display
Sponsor: City of Corpus Christi
Date: 1 Day—4th of July
Regulated Area: Bayfront, All Waters inside Corpus Christi Marina Levee, Corpus Christi Bay, TX
4. City of Port Aransas 4th of July Fireworks Display
Sponsor: City of Port Aransas
Date: 1 Day—4th of July
Regulated Area: 600 foot radius from a point half way between Port Aransas Harbor Daybeacon 2 to Port Aransas Ferry landing in the Corpus Christi Ship Channel, Port Aransas, TX
5. Bayfest Fireworks Display
Sponsor: Bayfest, Inc.
Date: 2 Days—3rd Friday & Saturday in September
Regulated Area: Bayfront, All Waters inside Corpus Christi Marina Levee, Corpus Christi Bay, TX
6. Great Tugboat Challenge
Sponsor: Bayfest Inc.

Date: 2 Days—3rd Friday & Saturday in September
Regulated Area: Bayfront, All Waters inside Corpus Christi Marina Levee, Corpus Christi Bay, TX

7. Harbor Lights

Sponsor: City of Corpus Christi
Date: 1 Day—1st Saturday in December
Regulated Area: Bayfront, All Waters inside Corpus Christi Marina Levee, Corpus Christi Bay, TX

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Traffic Separation Schemes: Off San Francisco, in the Santa Barbara Channel, in the Approaches to Los Angeles-Long Beach, CA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is amending the existing Traffic Separation Schemes (TSS's) off San Francisco and in the Santa Barbara Channel. The amendments have been adopted by the International Maritime Organization and validated by several recent vessel routing studies. The amended TSS's will route commercial vessels farther offshore, providing an extra margin of safety and environmental protection in the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary and adjacent waters. This rule codifies descriptions of these TSS's into the Code of Federal Regulations.

DATES: This final rule is effective on August 30, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments and material received from the public, as well as documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, are part of docket USCG-1999-5700 and are available for inspection or copying at the Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also find this docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulatory History

In 1989, we published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) entitled "Traffic Separation Schemes and Shipping Safety Fairways Off the Coast of California" (CGD 83-032, 54 FR 18258). The NPRM proposed implementing several IMO-adopted amendments to the existing TSS's and establishing a shipping safety fairway along the California coast. We elected to postpone implementing the amendments until the studies on the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS) and on oil tanker routing along the California coast (the "Tanker Free Zone" study mandated by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990) were complete.

On June 17, 1999, we published an NPRM entitled "Traffic Separation Schemes: Off San Francisco, in the Santa Barbara Channel, in the Approaches to Los Angeles-Long Beach, California" in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 32451). We received six letters commenting on the proposed rule. No public hearing was requested, and none was held.

Background and Purpose

This rule amends the Traffic Separation Schemes (TSS's) off San Francisco and in the Santa Barbara Channel adopted by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in 1990 and 1985, respectively ("Ships" Routing", Sixth Edition 1991, IMO). These amendments—

a. Shift the southern leg of the TSS off San Francisco westward to provide a true north/south alignment; and

b. Extend the existing TSS in the Santa Barbara Channel 18 nautical miles westward beyond Point Conception to Point Arguello.

In addition, this rule codifies these TSS's into Title 33 part 167 of the Code

of Federal Regulations (CFR). It also adds the IMO definition of "Area to be avoided" in 33 CFR 167.5.

Discussion of Comments and Changes

We received six written comments in response to our NPRM entitled "Traffic Separation Schemes Off San Francisco, in the Santa Barbara Channel, and in the Approaches to Los Angeles-Long Beach, California" (64 FR 32451, June 17, 1999). Five comments were strongly in favor of the proposed rule without changes. One comment was in favor of the proposed rule, but requested that additional information be included about the underlying Sword Unit leases that would be affected by the extension of the Santa Barbara Channel. The comment wanted the regulations to alert readers of potential future conflicts between vessels transiting the extended TSS in the Santa Barbara Channel and the development of Sword Unit leases. Sword Unit leases, OCS-P 0319, 0320, 0322 and 0323A, underlie the proposed TSS extension. Exploration activities may occur on the Sword Unit as early as 2002, with development occurring as early as 2007. To accommodate exploration and development on the Sword Unit, we may temporarily suspend or amend the TSS, based on historical practice and sections 3.12 and 7.6 of the IMO publication, "Ships" Routing", Sixth Edition 1991. We intend to work collaboratively with all of the agencies involved to develop and implement appropriate measures to facilitate both oil production and safe and efficient shipping. Close coordination throughout delineation drilling and any subsequent production phase will allow us to select appropriate measures based on the circumstances, as we know them at the time. While we agree that potential future conflicts may occur, to include information concerning Sword Unit leases in the CFR is beyond the scope of this rulemaking.

The section entitled "Off San Francisco: Area to be avoided" was created by removing § 167.401(c) from the NPRM and inserting it as § 167.406 in this rule. This presents the information in the regulations as it is in "Ships" Routing", Sixth Edition 1991, International Maritime Organization.

Section 167.452 of the NPRM was divided into §§ 167.451 and 167.452 in this rule. This presents the information in the regulations as it is in "Ships" Routing", Sixth Edition 1991, International Maritime Organization.

Sections 167.500 through 167.503 were proposed in the NPRM but were removed from this rule. As stated in the NPRM, we intended to codify the