

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Discussion of Implementation. These Special Local Regulations permit Coast Guard or their designated representative control of vessel traffic in order to ensure the safety of spectator and participant vessels. In accordance with the regulations in 33 CFR 100.1102, no persons or vessels shall block, anchor, or loiter in the regulated area; nor shall any person or vessel transit through the regulated area, or otherwise impede the transit of participant or official patrol vessels in the regulated area, unless cleared for such entry by or through an official patrol vessel acting on behalf of the Patrol Commander.

Dated: January 30, 2001.

D.W. Kunkel,

U.S. Coast Guard Commander, Eleventh Coast Guard District, Acting.

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

[CGD 95-059]

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Regattas and Marine Parades: Delay of Effective Date

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule; delay of effective date and conforming amendments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the memorandum of January 20, 2001, from the Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff, entitled "Regulatory Review Plan," published in the *Federal Register* on January 24, 2001 (66 FR 7702), this action temporarily delays for 60 days the effective date of the rule entitled "Regattas and Marine Parades," published in the *Federal Register* on January 9, 2001, 66 FR 1580, and makes conforming amendments to reflect the effective date delay. That rule establishes the minimum time for submitting an application to hold a regatta or marine parade before the event is scheduled to take place.

DATES: The effective date of the final rule, amending 33 CFR part 100 and withdrawing the interim rule published at 61 FR 33027, published in the *Federal Register* on January, 2001, at 66 FR 1580, is delayed for 60 days, from March 12, 2001, until May 11, 2001. The

conforming amendments are effective May 11, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carlton Perry, Project Manager, Office of Boating Safety, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters (G-OPB-1/3100), 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001, 202-267-0979.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: To the extent that 5 U.S.C. 553 applies to this action, it is exempt from notice and comment because it constitutes a rule of procedure under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(A). Alternatively, the Coast Guard's implementation of this action without opportunity for public comment, effective immediately upon publication today in the *Federal Register*, is based on the good cause exceptions in 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B) and 553(d)(3). Seeking public comment is impracticable, unnecessary, and contrary to the public interest. The temporary 60-day delay in effective date is necessary to give Department officials the opportunity for further review and consideration of new regulations, consistent with the Assistant to the President's memorandum of January 20, 2001. Given the imminence of the effective day, seeking prior public comment on this temporary delay would have been impractical, as well as contrary to the public interest, in the orderly promulgation and implementation of regulations. The imminence of the effective date is also good cause for making this action effective immediately upon publication.

We are changing the dates in 33 CFR 100.15(d) and (e), Submission of application, to delay them for 60 days. The original dates were keyed to the effective date of the final rule.

Therefore, because of the 60-day delay in the effective date of the final rule, we are changing, in § 100.15(d) and (e), "July 10, 2001," to "September 8, 2001," and, in § 100.15(e), "September 24, 2001," to "November 23, 2001."

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 100

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

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard amends 33 CFR part 100 as follows:

PART 100—SAFETY OF LIFE ON NAVIGABLE WATERS

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

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

§ 100.15 [Amended]

2. In § 100.15, as amended at 66 FR 1582 effective May 11, 2001, in

paragraph (d), remove "July 10, 2001" and add, in its place, "September 8, 2001"; and, in paragraph (e), remove "July 10, 2001" and add, in its place, "September 8, 2001" and remove "September 24, 2001" and add, in its place, "November 23, 2001".

Dated: January 26, 2001.

Terry M. Cross,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard Assistant Commandant for Operations.

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

[CGD01-01-013]

Drawbridge Operation Regulations: Chelsea River, MA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Commander, First Coast Guard District, has issued a temporary deviation from the drawbridge operation regulations governing the operation of the Chelsea Street Bridge, at mile 1.2, across the Chelsea River between East Boston and Chelsea, Massachusetts. This deviation allows the bridge owner to keep the bridge in the closed position from 6 a.m. on February 7, 2001 through 6 a.m. on February 8, 2001 and from 6 a.m. on February 21, 2001 through 6 a.m. on February 22, 2001. This action is necessary to facilitate emergency maintenance at the bridge.

DATES: This deviation is effective from February 7, 2001 through February 8, 2001 and from February 21, 2001 through February 22, 2001.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Chelsea Street Bridge, at mile 1.2, across the Chelsea River, has a vertical clearance of 9 feet at mean high water, and 19 feet at mean low water in the closed position. The existing drawbridge operating regulations require the bridge to open on signal at all times.

The bridge owner, the City of Boston, requested a temporary deviation from the drawbridge operating regulations to facilitate emergency structural maintenance and repairs to the alternate operating system at the bridge.

This deviation from the operating regulations allows the bridge owner to

keep the bridge in the closed position from 6 a.m. on February 7, 2001 through 6 a.m. on February 8, 2001 and from 6 a.m. on February 21, 2001 through 6 a.m. on February 22, 2001.

Thirty days notice to the Coast Guard for approval of this maintenance repair was not given by the bridge owner and was not required because this work involves vital, unscheduled maintenance that must be performed without undue delay.

Vessels that can pass under the bridge without an opening may do so at all times during the closed period.

In accordance with 33 CFR 117.35(c), this work will be performed with all due speed in order to return the bridge to normal operation as soon as possible. This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.

Dated: January 30, 2001.

G.N. Naccara,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[CGD07-01-009]

Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Brorein Street Bridge, Across the Hillsborough River, Tampa, FL

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Commander, Seventh Coast Guard District, has approved a temporary deviation from the regulations governing the operation of the Brorein Street Bridge across the Hillsborough River, mile 0.16, Tampa, Florida. This deviation allows the drawbridge to remain closed to navigation for five days, from 7 a.m. on February 26, 2001 until 12 p.m. on March 2, 2001. This temporary deviation is required to allow the bridge owner to safely complete removal of asbestos from the tender's control room and from the electrical wiring of the bridge operating system.

DATES: This deviation is effective from February 26, 2001 to March 2, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Barry Dragon, Chief, Operations Section, Seventh Coast Guard District, Bridge Section at (305) 415-6743.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Brorein Street Bridge across the Hillsborough River at Tampa, has a vertical clearance of 15 feet above mean high water (MHW) measured at the fenders in the closed position with a horizontal clearance of 80 feet. On January 31, 2001, Acutec, Inc., acting as an agent for the drawbridge owner, requested a deviation from the current operating regulation in 33 CFR 117.291(a) which requires the drawbridge to open on signal if at least two hours notice is given. This temporary deviation was requested to allow necessary repairs to the drawbridge in a critical time sensitive manner.

The District Commander has granted a temporary deviation from the operating requirements listed in 33 CFR 117.291(a) for the purpose of repair completion of the drawbridge. Under this deviation, the Brorein Street Bridge need not open from 7 a.m. February 26, 2001 until 12 p.m. March 2, 2001. The deviation is effective for five days.

Dated: February 1, 2001.

Greg E. Shapley,

Chief, Bridge Administration, Seventh Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[CGD07-01-005]

Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Sanibel Causeway Bridge

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Commander, Seventh Coast Guard District, has approved a temporary deviation from the regulations governing the operation of the Sanibel Causeway Bridge (SR 869) across San Carlos Bay, mile 151, Punta Rassa, Florida. This deviation will change the drawbridge operation schedule to determine whether a permanent change to the schedule is needed. This deviation extends the scheduled bridge openings each day by four hours and also changes the period of the openings from every 15 minutes to every 30 minutes, from March 1, 2001 to April 30, 2001.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This deviation is effective from March 1, 2001, to April 30, 2001. Comments must be received by May 30, 2001.

ADDRESSES: You may mail comments and related material to Commander (obr), Seventh Coast Guard District, 909 SE. 1st Avenue, Miami, FL 33131. Comments and material received from the public, as well as documents indicated in this preamble as being available in the docket, will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at Commander (obr), Seventh Coast Guard District, 909 SE., 1st Avenue, Miami, FL 33131 between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Barry Dragon, Chief, Operations Section, Seventh Coast Guard District, Bridge Section at (305) 415-6743.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Sanibel Causeway Bridge across San Carlos Bay at Punta Rassa, is a double leaf bridge with a vertical clearance of 26 feet above mean high water (MHW) measured at the fenders in the closed position with a horizontal clearance of 90 feet. The current operating regulation in 33 FR 117.317(j) requires the bridge to open on signal; except that from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., the draw need open only on the hour, quarter hour, half hour, and three quarter hour. From 10 p.m. to 6 p.m. the draw will open on signal if at least a five-minute advance notice is given.

On November 28, 2000, the drawbridge owner requested a deviation from the current operating regulations to allow the owner to conduct a study of the bridge openings and vehicular traffic patterns which are exacerbated during the winter tourist season. The temporary schedule will require the bridge to open on signal; except that from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., the draw need open only on the hour and half-hour. The five-minute notice from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. will remain in effect.

The District Commander has granted a temporary deviation from the operating requirements listed in 33 CFR 117.317(j) for the purpose of conducting this study. Under this deviation, the Sanibel Causeway Bridge need only open on the hour and half hour, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., from March 1, 2001 until April 30, 2001. From 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. the draw will open on signal if at least a five-minute advance notice is given. The deviation is effective from March 1, 2001 to April 30, 2001.

Request for Comments

We encourage you to participate in this evaluation of the test schedule by submitting comments and related material. If you do so, please include your name and address, identify the