

3. Add § 117.937 to read as follows:

**§ 117.937 Stono River, mile 11.0 at Johns Island, SC.**

The draw of the Maybank Highway Bridge shall open on signal; except that the draw need not open from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday except Federal holidays. Between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday except Federal holidays, the draw need open only on the hour and half hour. The draw shall open as soon as possible for the passage of tugs with tows, public vessels of the United States and vessels in a situation where a delay would endanger life or property.

Dated: September 10, 2001.

**J.S. Carmichael,**

*Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander, Seventh Coast Guard District.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Coast Guard**

**33 CFR Part 117**

[CGD08-01-031]

**Drawbridge Operating Regulation; Bayou Lafourche, LA**

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

**SUMMARY:** The Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District has issued a temporary deviation from the regulation governing the operation of the SR 1 (Leeville) vertical lift bridge across Bayou Lafourche, mile 13.3, at Leeville, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana. This deviation allows the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LDOTD) to close the bridge to navigation from 8 a.m. until noon and from 1 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. daily from Monday, September 24, 2001 through Saturday, November 3, 2001. This temporary deviation is issued to allow for the cleaning and painting of the vertical lift span of the bridge.

**DATES:** This deviation is effective from 8 a.m. on Monday, September 24, 2001 until 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 3, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Unless otherwise indicated, documents referred to in this notice are available for inspection or copying at the office of the Eighth Coast Guard District, Bridge Administration Branch, Commander (obc), 501 Magazine Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70130-3396.

The Bridge Administration Branch maintains the public docket for this temporary deviation.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Frank, Bridge Administration Branch, telephone (504) 589-2965.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The SR 1 (Leeville) vertical lift span bridge across Bayou Lafourche, mile 13.3, at Leeville, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana, has a vertical clearance of 40 feet above mean high water in the closed-to-navigation position and 73 feet above mean high water in the open-to-navigation position. The containment equipment for the project will reduce the vertical clearance by two feet. Navigation on the waterway consists mainly of fishing vessels, recreation vessels and tugs with tows. LDOTD requested a temporary deviation from the normal operation of the drawbridge in order to accommodate the cleaning and painting of the vertical lift span on the bridge. This work is necessary for the continued safe operation of the bridge. A separate deviation will be required in the future to accommodate the cleaning and painting of the tower counterweight sections of the bridge.

This deviation allows the draw of the SR 1 (Leeville) vertical lift span drawbridge across Bayou Lafourche, 13.3, to remain closed to navigation from 8 a.m. until noon and from 1 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. from Monday, September 24, 2001 through Saturday, November 3, 2001.

Dated: September 6, 2001.

**Roy J. Castro,**

*Rear Admiral, U. S. Coast Guard, Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Coast Guard**

**33 CFR Part 117**

[CGD07-01-094]

**Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Highbridge Road Drawbridge, Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, Volusia County, Florida**

**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 Highbridge Road Drawbridge, Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, mile

816, Volusia County, Florida. This deviation allows the bridge owner to provide single leaf openings from September 17, 2001 through September 30, 2001. This temporary deviation is required to allow the bridge owner to safely complete repairs to the bridge.

**DATES:** This deviation is effective from 8 a.m. on September 17, 2001 until 5 p.m. on September 30, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** 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 [CGD07-01-094] and will be available for inspection or copying at Commander (obr), Seventh Coast Guard District, 909 S.E. 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:**

Highbridge Road Drawbridge, Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, Volusia County, Florida, is a double leaf bridge with a vertical clearance of 15 feet above mean high water (MHW) measured at the fenders in the closed position and a horizontal clearance of 91 feet. The current operating regulation in 33 CFR 117.5 requires the draw to fully open on signal.

On July 17, 2001, the drawbridge owner requested a deviation from the current operating regulations to allow the owner to complete repairs.

The District Commander has granted a temporary deviation from the operating requirements listed in 33 CFR 117.5 to complete these repairs. Under this deviation, the Highbridge Road Drawbridge, shall open on single leaf from 8 a.m. on September 17, 2001 until 5 p.m. on September 30, 2001.

Dated: September 12, 2001.

**Greg E. Shapley,**

*Chief, Bridge Administration, Seventh Coast Guard District.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**38 CFR Parts 3 and 13**

**RIN 2900-AK68**

**Veterans Benefits and Health Care Improvement Act of 2000**

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

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