

vessels that ply Lake Washington can pass safely under the fixed transition spans. The number of draw openings have decreased so that the span has opened as little as 10 times annually in recent years. Most of these openings have been for construction equipment serving other WSDOT projects. State Route 520 is a major commuter route with a high daily traffic count. This deviation allows WSDOT to refurbish the bridge as quickly as possible without disrupting roadway traffic. Furthermore, this drawbridge is vulnerable to water and wind pressure because of its floating nature. This closure also facilitates completion of work at a time of year when these weather factors are minimal.

This temporary deviation, authorized under 33 CFR 117.35, allows the floating drawspan to remain closed from 12:01 a.m. on August 13 to 12:01 a.m. on October 8, 2001.

Dated: September 25, 2001.

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Coast Guard**

**33 CFR Part 117**

[CGD13-01-024]

**Drawbridge Operations Regulations; Duwamish Waterway, WA**

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

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

**SUMMARY:** The Commander, Thirteenth Coast Guard District has issued a temporary deviation from the regulations governing the operation of the dual First Avenue South Drawbridges across the Duwamish Waterway, mile 2.5, at Seattle, Washington. This deviation allows the Washington Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to close the bascule span from 12:01 a.m. on October 6 to 12:01 a.m. on October 7, 2001. Presently, the dual bascule need not open between the hours of 6 a.m. and 9 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. Openings are provided at any time for vessels of at least 5000 gross tons, vessels towing such vessels, or vessels enroute to tow such vessels. This deviation allows the bridge owner to repair a leaking hydraulic cylinder at one of the center locks.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This deviation is effective from 12:01 a.m. on October 6 to 12:01 a.m. on October 7, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Unless otherwise noted, documents referred to in this notice are available for inspection and copying at Commander (oan), Thirteenth Coast Guard District, 915 Second Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98174-1067, room 3510 between 7:45 a.m. and 4:15 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. The Bridge Section of the Aids to Navigation and Waterways Management Branch maintain the docket for this temporary deviation.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Austin Pratt, Chief, Bridge Section, Aids to Navigation and Waterways Management Branch, Telephone (206) 220-7282.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The First Avenue South Drawbridges across the Duwamish Waterway, mile 2.5, at Seattle, Washington, provide 32 feet of vertical clearance above Mean High Water for the central 100 feet horizontally. Navigation on the waterway include tugs, large container barges, construction equipment, and recreational vessels. First Avenue South is a major commuter route Monday through Friday. The weekend was selected for the work because the large vessel traffic and road vehicle passage is reduced from normal weekday frequencies. The leaking cylinder for one of the cylinders will be replaced during this closure to prevent spillage in the waterway and maintain the span in operational condition. The center lock was probably damaged in the earthquake that occurred in Seattle on February 28, 2001.

This temporary deviation, authorized under 33 CFR 117.35, allows the dual First Avenue South drawspans to remain closed from 12:01 a.m. on October 6 to 12:01 a.m. on October 7, 2001.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Coast Guard**

**33 CFR Part 117**

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**Drawbridge Operation Regulations: Newtown Creek, Dutch Kills, English Kills and Their Tributaries, NY**

**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 for the Pulaski Bridge, mile 0.6, across Newtown Creek between Brooklyn and Queens, New York. This deviation allows the bridge to remain in the closed position from 7 a.m. on October 20, 2001 through 8 p.m. on October 21, 2001, to facilitate painting at the bridge.

**DATES:** This deviation is effective from October 20, 2001 through October 21, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joseph Schmied, Project Officer, First Coast Guard District, at (212) 668-7165.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Pulaski Bridge, at mile 0.6, across Newtown Creek has a vertical clearance of 39 feet at mean high water, and 43 feet at mean low water in the closed position.

The existing drawbridge operation regulations are listed at 33 CFR 117.801(g) and require the draw to open on signal if at least a two-hour advance notice is given.

The bridge owner, New York City Department of Transportation, requested a temporary deviation from the drawbridge operating regulations to facilitate painting at the bridge that can only be safely performed while the bridge is in the closed position.

This deviation to the operating regulations allows the Pulaski Bridge to remain in the closed position from 7 a.m. on October 20, 2001 through 8 p.m. on October 21, 2001.

This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35 and will be performed with all due speed in order to return the bridge to normal operation as soon as possible.

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