

requirements, Security measures, Waterways.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard amends 33 CFR part 165 as follows:

## **PART 165—REGULATED NAVIGATION AREAS AND LIMITED ACCESS AREAS**

1. The authority citation for part 165 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 33 U.S.C. 1231; 50 U.S.C. 191, 33 CFR 1.05–1(g), 6.04–1, 6.04–6, 160.5; 49 CFR 1.46.

2. Add a new temporary § 165.T11–060 to read as follows:

### **§ 165.T11–060 Security Zone; Port Hueneme Harbor, Ventura County, California.**

(a) *Location.* The following area is a Security Zone: The water area of Port Hueneme Harbor inside of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (COLREGS) demarcation line.

(b) *Regulations.* (1) In accordance with the general regulations in § 165.33 of this part, the following rules apply to the security zone established by this section:

(i) No person or vessel may enter or remain in this security zone without the permission of the Captain of the Port Los Angeles-Long Beach, CA, or the Commanding Officer, Naval Base Ventura County, CA, “Control 1”;

(ii) Vessels that are required to make Advanced Notifications of Arrival as per §§ 160.T204–T214 of part 160 of this chapter continue to make such reports;

(iii) All vessels must obtain clearance from “Control 1” on VHF–FM marine radio 06 prior to crossing the COLREGS demarcation line at Port Hueneme Harbor;

(iv) Vessels without marine radio capability must obtain clearance in advance by contacting “Control 1” via telephone at (805) 982–3938 prior to crossing the COLREGS demarcation line at Port Hueneme Harbor.

(2) The Captain of the Port will notify the public of this Security Zone via broadcast and published notice to mariners.

(3) Nothing in this section shall be construed as relieving the owner or person in charge of any vessel from complying with the rules of the road and safe navigation practice.

(4) The regulations of this section will be enforced by the Captain of the Port Los Angeles-Long Beach, the Commanding Officer, Naval Base Ventura County or their authorized representatives.

(c) *Dates.* This section becomes effective at 12:01 a.m. PST on December

21, 2001, and will terminate at 11:59 p.m. PDT on June 15, 2002.

Dated: December 21, 2001.

**J.M. Holmes,**

*Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port, Los Angeles-Long Beach.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Coast Guard**

#### **33 CFR Part 165**

**[CGD01–01–223]**

**RIN 2115–AA97**

#### **Safety Zone; Fore River Bridge Repairs—Weymouth, MA**

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Temporary final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary safety zone for the Fore River (Route 3A) Bridge Repairs, starting January 1, 2002 until September 30, 2002, in Weymouth, MA. The safety zone is to ensure the safe operation of a 55-foot-wide crane barge underneath the Fore River Bridge in order to conduct repair operations, Monday through Saturday of each week during the effective time period and is necessary to protect maritime traffic in the area of the safety zone. The safety zone prohibits vessels from operating within 30-feet of the barge.

**DATES:** This rule is effective from January 1, 2002 until September 30, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Documents as indicated in this preamble are available for inspection or copying at Marine Safety Office Boston, 455 Commercial Street, Boston, MA between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Chief Petty Officer Michael Popovich, Marine Safety Office Boston, Waterways Safety and Response Division, at (617) 223–3067.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Regulatory History**

Under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for making this rule effective less than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register**. Discussions were held with all interests most likely to be affected by this safety zone. These include Massachusetts Highway Department, The Middlesex Corporation (TMC), Weymouth Fore River operators, barge

and ferry companies, and recreational boater representatives. These interests agree that the parameters of the zone will not unduly impair business and unscheduled operations or transits of vessels. Therefore, notice and comment is unnecessary. Any delay encountered in this regulation’s effective date would be unnecessary and contrary to public interest since immediate action is needed to protect marine traffic from bridge construction hazards while transiting a portion of the Fore River, Weymouth, Massachusetts, during the Fore River Bridge repairs. This safety zone should have minimal impact on vessel transits due to the fact that the safety zone does not block the entire channel, and procedures have been established for the movement of the construction barge, should larger vessels that are unable to transit around the barge while in the channel, need to transit the area. Notifications will be made to the maritime community via notice to mariners and marine information broadcasts informing them of boundaries of the zone.

#### **Background and Purpose**

A previous rulemaking, published at 66 FR 13851, effective from February 21 through December 31, 2001, established a safety zone identical to that established in this rulemaking to conduct repairs to the Fore River Bridge. Additional time is needed to complete the repairs required to allow for the proper operation of the bridge. The safety zone allows TMC to place a 55-foot-wide crane barge in the Fore River underneath the Fore River Bridge to conduct repair operations, Monday through Saturday of each week from January 1, 2002 through September 30, 2002. This safety zone prohibits vessels from operating within 30-feet of the barge. Most marine traffic may transit safely outside of the safety zone during the repairs. In the event a large vessel should need to transit the channel, the TMC barge shall move upon request. Requests to move the barge should be made directly to TMC at (781) 665–3261 or (978) 590–2754 with as much advance notice as possible (at least 8 hours is preferred). The Captain of the Port anticipates minimal negative impact on vessel traffic due to this event. Public notifications will be made prior to the effective period via safety marine information broadcasts.

#### **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 is unnecessary.

Although this regulation prevents traffic from transiting a portion of the Weymouth Fore River during this bridge repair period, the effect of this regulation will not be significant for several reasons: maritime interests, which frequently use the channel, have provided input into the scheduling of the bridge repairs, the safety zone does not block the entire channel, advanced notice will be given through marine broadcasts, and the construction barge will be required to move upon request for larger vessels unable to transit around it while in the channel.

#### Small Entities

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

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. This rule will affect the following entities, some of which may be small entities: The owners or operators of vessels intending to transit or anchor in a portion of the Weymouth Fore River between January 1 and September 30, 2002. This safety zone will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities for the following reasons: The safety zone does not block the entire channel, advanced notice will be given through marine broadcasts, and the construction barge will be required to move upon request for larger vessels unable to transit around it while in the channel.

#### Assistance for Small Entities

Under subsection 213(a) of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 [Pub. L. 104–121], the Coast Guard wants to assist small entities in understanding this final rule so that they can better evaluate its

effects on them and participate in the rulemaking. If your small business or organization would be affected by this final rule and you have questions concerning its provisions or options for compliance, please call Chief Petty Officer Michael Popovich, Marine Safety Office Boston, at (617) 223–3067. Small businesses may send comments on the actions of Federal employees who enforce, or otherwise determine compliance with, Federal regulations to the Small Business and Agriculture Regulatory Enforcement Ombudsman and the Regional Small Business Regulatory Fairness Boards. The Ombudsman evaluates these actions annually and rates each agency’s responsiveness to small business. If you wish to comment on actions by employees of the Coast Guard, call 1–888–REG–FAIR (1–888–734–3247).

#### Collection of Information

This rule would call for no new collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520).

#### Federalism

The Coast Guard 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 costs. This rule would not impose an unfunded mandate.

#### Taking of Private Property

This rule would 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 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 pose an environmental risk to health or risk to safety that may disproportionately affect children.

#### Indian Tribal Governments

This rule does not have tribal implications under Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments. A rule with tribal implications has a substantial direct effect on one or more Indian tribes, on the relationship between the Federal Government and Indian tribes, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities between the Federal Government and Indian tribes.

#### Environment

The Coast Guard considered the environmental impact of this rule and concluded that, under figure 2–1, (34)(g), of Commandant Instruction M16475.ID, this rule is categorically excluded from further environmental documentation. A “Categorical Exclusion Determination” is available in the docket where indicated under **ADDRESSES**.

#### List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 165

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

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard amends 33 CFR part 165 as follows:

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2. From January 1, 2002 until September 30, 2002, add temporary § 165.T01–223 to read as follows:

#### § 165.T01–223 Safety Zone: Fore River Bridge Repairs—Weymouth, Massachusetts.

(a) *Location.* The following area is a safety zone: All waters of the Weymouth Fore River within a 30-foot radius of The Middlesex Corporation (TMC) construction barge located under the Fore River Bridge.

(b) *Regulations.* (1) In accordance with the general regulations in § 165.23 of this part, entry into or movement within this zone is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Boston.

(2) All vessel operators shall comply with the instructions of the COTP or the

designated on-scene U.S. Coast Guard patrol personnel. On-scene Coast Guard patrol personnel include commissioned, warrant, and petty officers of the Coast Guard on board Coast Guard, Coast Guard Auxiliary, local, state, and federal law enforcement vessels.

(3) No person may enter the waters within the boundaries of the safety zone unless previously authorized by the Captain of the Port, Boston or his authorized patrol representative.

Dated: December 14, 2001.

**B.M. Salerno,**

*Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port, Boston, Massachusetts.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

#### 33 CFR Part 165

[COTP MIAMI-01-115]

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**Security Zones; Port of Palm Beach, Palm Beach, FL; Port Everglades, Fort Lauderdale, FL; Port of Miami, Miami, FL; and Port of Key West, Key West, FL**

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Temporary final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard is establishing temporary moving security zones 100 yards around all tank vessels loaded with hazardous cargo and passenger vessels with passengers aboard when these vessels enter or depart the Ports of Palm Beach, Port Everglades, Miami or Key West, Florida. We are also establishing temporary fixed security zones 100 yards around all tank vessels loaded with hazardous cargo and passenger vessels with passengers aboard when these vessels are moored in the Ports of Palm Beach, Port Everglades, Miami, or Key West, Florida. These security zones are needed for national security reasons to protect the public and ports from potential subversive acts. Entry into these zones is prohibited, unless specifically authorized by the Captain of the Port, Miami, Florida, or his designated representative.

**DATES:** This rule is effective from 11:59 p.m. on September 25, 2001 until 11:59 p.m. on June 15, 2002 unless terminated earlier by the Captain of the Port, Miami, Florida.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and material received from the public, as well as documents indicated in this preamble as

being available in the docket, are part of docket COTP Miami 01-115 and are available for inspection or copying at Marine Safety Office Miami, 100 MacArthur Causeway, Miami Beach, FL 33139, between 7:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

LCDR Joseph Boudrow, Coast Guard Marine Safety Office Miami, at (305) 535-8701.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### Regulatory Information

We did not publish a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) for this regulation. Under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for not publishing a NPRM. Publishing a NPRM, which would incorporate a comment period before a final rule was issued, would be contrary to the public interest since immediate action is needed to protect the public, ports and waterways of the United States. For the same reasons, under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for making this rule effective less than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register**. The Coast Guard will issue a broadcast notice to mariners and place Coast Guard vessels in the vicinity to advise mariners of the restriction.

#### Background and Purpose

Based on the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center buildings in New York and the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia, there is an increased risk that subversive activity could be launched by vessels or persons in close proximity to the Ports of Palm Beach, Miami, Port Everglades, and Key West, Florida against tank vessels and cruise ships entering, departing and moored within these ports. There will be Coast Guard and local police department patrol vessels on scene to monitor traffic through these areas.

The security zone for the Port of Palm Beach is activated when a subject vessel passes the "LW" buoy, at approximate position 26° 46' 18N, 080° 00' 36W. The security zone for the Port of Miami is activated when a subject vessel passes the "M" buoy, at approximate position 25° 46' 06N, 080° 05' 00W. The Port Everglades security zone starts when a subject vessel passes "PE" buoy, at approximate position 26° 05' 30N, 080° 04' 48W. And the security zone for the Port of Key West is activated when a subject vessel passes "KW" buoy, at approximate position 24° 27' 42N, 081° 48' 06W. The zone for a vessel is deactivated when the vessel passes these buoys on its departure from port.

The Captain of the Port will notify the public via Marine Safety Radio Broadcast on VHF Marine Band Radio, Channel 22 (157.1 MHz) of all active security zones in the ports by identifying the names of the vessels around which the zones are centered. Entry into these security zones is prohibited, unless specifically authorized by the Captain of the Port, Miami, Florida.

#### Regulatory Evaluation

This rule is not a significant regulatory action under section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866, Regulatory Planning and Review, 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).

#### Small Entities

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

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 because small entities may be allowed to enter the zone on a case by case basis with the authorization of the Captain of the Port.

#### Assistance for Small Entities

Under section 213(a) of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-121), we offer to assist small entities in understanding the rule so that they can better evaluate its effects on them and participate in the rulemaking process. If the rule will affect your small business, organization, or government jurisdiction and you have questions concerning its provisions or options for compliance, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** for assistance in understanding this rule.

Small businesses may send comments on the actions of Federal employees who enforce, or otherwise determine compliance with, Federal regulations to the Small Business and Agriculture Regulatory Enforcement Ombudsman and the Regional Small each agency's