

Regulatory Information

The Route 1 & 9 (Lincoln Highway) Bridge has a vertical clearance of 40 feet at mean high water and 45 feet at mean low water. The existing regulations listed at 33 CFR § 117.739(b), require the draw to open on signal after at least a four-hour advance notice is given.

The bridge owner, the New Jersey Department of Transportation, requested a temporary deviation from the drawbridge operation regulations to facilitate scheduled maintenance, the replacement of the counterweight cables and the machining of the trunions and journals, at the bridge.

Under this temporary deviation the bridge may remain in the closed position from 7 a.m. on March 12, 2003 through midnight on April 2, 2003, and from 7 a.m. on April 12, 2003 through midnight on May 10, 2003.

The bridge normally has few requests to open. The Coast Guard coordinated the deviation closure schedule with the only known waterway user. No objections were received.

This deviation from the drawbridge 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.

Dated: February 21, 2003.

Vivien S. Crea,

*Rear Admiral, Coast Guard, Commander,
First Coast Guard District.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**Coast Guard****33 CFR Part 117**

[CGD01-03-019]

**Drawbridge Operation Regulations:
Chelsea River, MA**

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

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 P.J. McArdle Bridge, mile 0.3, across Chelsea River between East Boston and Chelsea, Massachusetts. Under this temporary deviation a four-hour advance notice will be required for openings at night from March 9, 2003 through April 7, 2003. This temporary deviation is necessary to facilitate repairs at the bridge.

DATES: This deviation is effective from March 9, 2003 through April 7, 2003.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The P.J. McArdle Bridge has a vertical clearance in the closed position of 21 feet at mean high water and 30 feet at mean low water. The existing drawbridge operation regulations are listed at 33 CFR 117.593.

The bridge owner, the City of Boston, requested a temporary deviation from the drawbridge operation regulations to facilitate necessary maintenance, the replacement of the segmental girders, floor beams, and bascule span balancing, at the bridge. The bridge must remain in the closed position to perform these repairs.

The waterway users who normally navigate the Chelsea River at night are commercial tugs and fuel barges. The Coast Guard coordinated this closure with the mariners and the oil facilities who normally use this waterway to help facilitate this necessary bridge repair and to minimize any disruption to the marine transportation system.

Under this temporary deviation the P.J. McArdle Bridge will open on signal provided a four-hour advance notice is given for openings during the following time periods: March 9, through March 15, from 6 p.m. through 7 a.m., March 16, through March 22, from 8 p.m. through 6 a.m., March 23, through March 29, from 8 p.m. through 6 a.m., March 30, through April 5, from 8 p.m. through 6 a.m., April 6, through April 7, from 8 p.m. through 8 a.m.

The bridge owner did not provide the required thirty-day notice to the Coast Guard for this deviation; however, this deviation was approved because the repairs are necessary repairs that must be performed without delay in order to assure the continued safe reliable operation of the bridge and prevent an unscheduled closure due to component failure.

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

Dated: March 7, 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**Coast Guard****33 CFR Part 165**

[COTP San Francisco Bay 03-003]

RIN 1625-AA00

Security Zones; San Francisco Bay, CA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing fixed security zones extending 25 yards in the U.S. navigable waters around all piers, abutments, fenders and pilings of the Golden Gate Bridge and the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, San Francisco Bay, California. These security zones are needed for national security reasons to protect the public and ports from potential subversive acts. Entry into these security zones is prohibited, unless doing so is necessary for safe navigation, to conduct official business such as scheduled maintenance or retrofit operations, or unless specifically authorized by the Captain of the Port San Francisco Bay, or his designated representative.

DATES: This regulation is effective from 11 a.m. PST on February 13, 2003 to 11:59 p.m. PDT on September 30, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Documents indicated in this preamble as being available in the docket are part of docket [COTP San Francisco Bay 03-003] and are available for inspection or copying at Coast Guard Marine Safety Office San Francisco Bay, Coast Guard Island, Alameda, California, 94501, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lieutenant Diana Cranston, U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Office San Francisco Bay, at (510) 437-3073.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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We did not publish a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) for this regulation. Under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), for the reasons set forth below, the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for not publishing an NPRM. Also, 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** because the threat of maritime attacks is real as evidenced by the October 2002 attack of a tank vessel off the coast of