

schedule: The draw of the LA 46 Bridge, mile 22.9, at Yscloskey, shall open on signal; except that from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m., the draw shall open on signal if at least two hours notice is given.

A Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (USCG-2008-0478) will be issued to propose a permanent change to the schedule and obtain additional public comments. The Coast Guard will evaluate public comments from this Temporary Deviation and the above referenced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to determine if a permanent special drawbridge operation regulation is warranted. The Coast Guard will review bridge tender logs for requested bridge openings during the time of the Temporary Deviation. Navigation is not expected to be impacted during the test schedule period.

Additional Information

Although this Temporary Deviation will require 2 hours advance notice for openings between 8 p.m. and 4 a.m., an alternate route, via Yscloskey Bayou, to the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet and Lake Borgne is available with no additional transit time. Additionally, most users of this waterway are able to give notice prior to transiting through the bridge. Vessels are not able to pass underneath the bridge when closed due to a vertical clearance of only 2 feet. Before the effective period, we will issue maritime advisories widely available to users of the waterway.

In accordance with 33 CFR 117.35(e), the drawbridge must return to its regular operating schedule immediately at the end of the designated time period. This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.

Dated: June 9, 2008.

David M. Frank,

Bridge Administrator, U.S. Coast Guard.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[USCG-2008-0480]

Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Piscataqua River, Portsmouth, NH, and Kittery, ME, Public Event

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 regulation governing the operation of the Memorial (US 1) Bridge across the Piscataqua River at mile 3.5, between Portsmouth, New Hampshire and Kittery, Maine. Under this temporary deviation the bridge may remain in the closed position for one-hour during the Fourth of July fireworks display. This deviation is necessary to facilitate public safety during a public event.

DATES: This deviation is effective from 9:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. on July 3, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Documents indicated in this preamble as being available in the docket are part of docket USCG-2008-0480 and are available online at <http://www.regulations.gov>. They are also available for inspection or copying at two locations: The Docket Management Facility (M-30), U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays, and the First Coast Guard District, Bridge Branch Office, 408 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Memorial (US 1) Bridge, across the Piscataqua River at mile 3.5, between Portsmouth, New Hampshire and Kittery, Maine, has a vertical clearance in the closed position of 11 feet at mean high water and 19 feet at mean low water. The existing drawbridge operation regulations are listed at 33 CFR 117.531.

The owner of the bridge, New Hampshire Department of Transportation, requested a temporary deviation to facilitate public safety during the Fourth of July fireworks display on July 3, 2008.

Under this temporary deviation the Memorial (US 1) Bridge may remain in the closed position from 9:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. on July 3, 2008. Vessels that can pass under the bridge without a bridge opening may do so at all times.

In accordance with 33 CFR 117.35(e), the bridge must return to its regular operating schedule immediately at the end of the designated time period. This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.

Dated: June 10, 2008.

Gary Kassof,

Bridge Program Manager, First Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[Docket No. USCG-2008-0485]

Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Hackensack River, Jersey City, NJ, Maintenance

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 regulation governing the operation of the NJTRO Lower Hack Bridge across the Hackensack River, mile 3.4, at Jersey City, New Jersey. Under this temporary deviation, the NJTRO Lower Hack Bridge may remain in the closed position for ten hours on two weekend days to facilitate scheduled bridge maintenance. Vessels that can pass under the draw without a bridge opening may do so at all times and vessels that need a bridge opening can do so by providing a two-hour advance notice. This deviation is necessary to facilitate upgrades to the control system at the bridge.

DATES: This deviation is effective from 7 a.m. through 5 p.m. on June 21, 2008 and June 22, 2008, and in case of rain, from 7 a.m. through 5 p.m. on June 28, 2008 and June 29, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Documents indicated in this preamble as being available in the docket are part of docket USCG-2008-0485 and are available online at <http://www.regulations.gov>. They are also available for inspection or copying at two locations: The Docket Management Facility (M-30), U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays, and the First Coast Guard District, Bridge Branch Office, 408 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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