DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[USCG–2010–0819]

Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Trent River, New Bern, NC

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District, has issued a temporary deviation from the regulations governing the operation of the US70 (Alfred C. Cunningham) Bridge across Trent River, mile 0.0, at New Bern, NC, to accommodate a Bridge Run. This deviation allows the drawbridge to be maintained in the closed position to vessels at specific date and times.

DATES: This deviation is effective from 6 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 16, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket are part of docket USCG–2010–0819 and are available online by going to http://www.regulations.gov, inserting USCG–2010–0819 in the “Keyword” box and then clicking “Search.” They are also available for inspection or copying at 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this temporary rule, call or e-mail LT Michael DiPace, Docket Operations, telephone 202–366–9826. Alternatively, you can request a copy of the rule by writing to the Chief, Bridge Administration Branch, Fifth Coast Guard District; telephone 757–398–5570, e-mail Michael.S.DiPace@uscg.mil. If you have questions on this deviation, call Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202–366–9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The US70 (Alfred C. Cunningham) Bridge a bascule lift bridge across Trent River, at mile 0.0, has a vertical clearance in the closed position to vessels of approximately 14 feet above mean high water.

On behalf of the Neuse River Bridge Run Organization and the City of New Bern NC, the North Carolina Department of Transportation has requested a temporary deviation from the current operating regulations of the bridge set out in 33 CFR 117.843 (a) to accommodate the Bridge Run schedule for Saturday, October 16, 2010.

Under this deviation, the drawbridge would be allowed to remain in the closed-to-navigation position from 6 a.m. to 11 a.m. to vessels on Saturday, October 16, 2010, to accommodate the Bridge Run.

The Coast Guard will inform the users of the waterway through our Local and Broadcast Notices to Mariners of the closure period for the bridge so that vessels can arrange their transits to minimize any impact caused by the temporary deviation. There are no alternate routes for vessels transiting this section of the Trent River and the drawbridge will be able to open in the event of an emergency.

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 regulation is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.


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33 CFR Part 165

[Docket No. USCG–2010–0755]

RIN 1625–AA00

Safety Zone; Thunder on the Bay, Chesapeake Bay, Buckroe Beach Park, Hampton, VA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing a 210-foot radius safety zone on the navigable waters of Chesapeake Bay in Hampton, VA in support of the Thunder on the Bay fireworks event. This action is intended to restrict vessel traffic movement to protect mariners and spectators from the hazards associated with aerial fireworks displays.

DATES: This rule is effective from 9:15 p.m. to 10 p.m. on September 17, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Documents indicated in this preamble as being available in the docket are part of docket USCG–2010–0755 and are available online by going to http://www.regulations.gov, inserting USCG–2010–0755 in the “Keyword” box, and then clicking “Search.” They are also available for inspection or copying at 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this temporary rule, call or e-mail LT Michael DiPace, Sector Hampton Roads Waterways Management Division, Coast Guard; telephone 757–668–5580, e-mail Michael.S.DiPace@uscg.mil. If you have questions on this deviation, call Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202–366–9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Regulatory Information

The Coast Guard is issuing this temporary final rule without prior notice and opportunity to comment pursuant to authority under section 4(a) of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) (5 U.S.C. 553(b)). This provision authorizes an agency to issue a rule by publication in the Federal Register for good cause exists for not publishing a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) with respect to this rule because any delay encountered in this regulation’s effective date by publishing a NPRM would be contrary to public interest since immediate action is needed to provide for the safety of life and property on navigable waters. Additionally, this temporary safety zone will be enforced for approximately forty-five minutes on Friday, September 17, 2010 while the fireworks display is in progress.

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. Due to the need for immediate action, the restriction of vessel traffic is necessary to protect life, property and the environment during the fireworks display.