Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, Fort Lauderdale, FL

AGENCY: Coast Guard.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviations from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Commander, Seventh Coast Guard District, has issued temporary deviations from the regulations governing the operation of the following two bridges that span across the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway in Fort Lauderdale, Florida: The East Sunrise Boulevard (SR 838) Bridge, mile 1062.6; and the East Las Olas Bridge, mile 1064. The deviations are necessary due to the high volume of vessel and vehicle traffic anticipated during the Lauderdale Air Show. With the exception of opening for passage of public vessels of the United States, vessels in distress, and tugs with tows, the bridges will not open in the evening during the Lauderdale Air Show.

DATES: These deviations are effective from 4 p.m. on April 28, 2012 through 6 p.m. on April 29, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket are part of docket USCGL–2012–0176 and are available online by going to http://www.regulations.gov, inserting USCGL–2012–0176 in the “Keyword” box and then clicking “Search”. They are also available for inspection or copying at the Docket Management Facility (M–50), 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 rule, call or email Michael Lieberum, Seventh District Bridge Branch, Coast Guard; telephone (305) 415–6744, email Michael.B.Lieberum@uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing the docket, call Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone (202) 366–9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department has requested temporary modifications to the operating schedules of the East Sunrise Boulevard (SR 838) Bridge and the East Las Olas Bridge in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

The Lauderdale Air Show generates a high volume of vessel and vehicle traffic. In past years, opening these bridges has resulted in significant vehicle congestion. By allowing the bridges to remain closed to navigation from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. during the Lauderdale Air Show, traffic congestion will be reduced.

The details and regular operating schedule for each bridge are set forth below.

1. East Sunrise Boulevard (SR 838) Bridge, mile 1062.6. The vertical clearance of the East Sunrise Boulevard (SR 838) Bridge, across the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, is 21 feet. The normal operating schedule for the East Sunrise Boulevard (SR 838) Bridge is set forth in 33 CFR 117.261(bb)(6) requires the draw to open on the hour and half-hour. On the first weekend in May, the draw need not open from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, and, on the first Saturday in May, the draw need not open from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

2. East Las Olas Bridge, mile 1064. The vertical clearance of the East Las Olas Bridge, across the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, is 24 feet. The normal operating schedule for the East Las Olas Bridge is set forth in 33 CFR 117.261(bb)(7) and requires the bridge to open on the quarter-hour and three-quarter hour. On the first weekend in May, the draw need not open from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, and, on the first Saturday in May, the draw need not open from 9:45 p.m. to 10:45 p.m.

As a result of these temporary deviations, the East Sunrise Boulevard (SR 838) Bridge and the East Las Olas Bridge will remain closed to navigation from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, April 28, 2012 and Sunday, April 29, 2012. However, the drawspans will open as soon as possible at any time for the passage of public vessels of the United States, vessels in distress, and tugs with tows.

In accordance with 33 CFR 117.35(e), the drawbridges must return to their regular operating schedules immediately at the end of the designated time period. These deviations from the operating regulations are authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.

Dated: March 6, 2012.

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Bridge Program Director, Seventh Coast Guard District.
USCG—2012—0243 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 rule, call or email David H. Sulouff, Chief, Bridge Section, Eleventh Coast Guard District; telephone 510–437–3516, email David.H.Sulouff@uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing the docket, call Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202–366–9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The California Department of Transportation has requested a temporary change to the operation of the Tower Drawbridge, mile 59.0, Sacramento River, at Sacramento, CA. The Tower Drawbridge navigation span provides a vertical clearance of 30 feet above Mean High Water in the closed-to-navigation position. The draw opens on signal from May 1 through October 31 from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. and from November 1 through April 30 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. At all other times the draw shall open on signal if at least four hours notice is given, as required by 33 CFR 117.189(a). Navigation on the waterway is commercial and recreational.

The drawspan will be secured in the closed-to-navigation position from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. on April 22, 2012 to allow the community to participate in the Capitol City Classic run. This temporary deviation has been coordinated with waterway users. There are no scheduled river boat cruises or anticipated levee maintenance during this deviation period. No objections to the proposed temporary deviation were raised.

Vessels that can transit the bridge, while in the closed-to-navigation position, may continue to do so at any time. In the event of an emergency the drawspan can be opened with 15 minutes advance notice. 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.

D.H. Sulouff,
District Bridge Chief, Eleventh Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard
33 CFR Part 117
[Docket No. USCG—2012–0290]

Drawbridge Operation Regulation;
Oregon Slough, Hayden Island, OR

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard has issued a temporary deviation from the operating schedule that governs the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway Bridge across Oregon Slough, mile 3.2, at Hayden Island, OR. This deviation is necessary to accommodate maintenance of the train signaling system scheduled for April 30, 2012. This deviation allows the bridge to remain in the closed position for the duration of the maintenance activity.

DATES: This deviation is effective from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on April 30, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket are part of docket USCG—2012–0290 and are available online by going to http://www.regulations.gov, inserting USCG—2012–0290 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 rule, call or email Randall D. Overton, the Bridge Administrator, Coast Guard Thirteenth District; telephone 206–220–7282 email randall.d.overton@uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing the docket, call Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202–366–9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: BNSF has requested that the BNSF Swing Bridge across Oregon Slough remain closed to vessel traffic to facilitate maintenance of the train signaling system. BNSF will be “cutting over” the train signaling system to a new system on April 30, 2012. During this cut-over the swing span of the BNSF Railway Bridge across Oregon Slough will be disabled and the bridge will not be able to be opened. The BNSF Bridge crosses Oregon Slough at mile 3.2 and in accordance to NOAA Chart 18526 provides 39 feet of vertical clearance above Columbia River Datum 0.0 while in the closed position. Vessels which do not require a bridge opening may continue to transit beneath the bridge during this closure period. Under normal conditions this bridge operates in accordance with 33 CFR 117.887 which requires a half-hour advance notification when a bridge opening is needed. This deviation period is from 8 a.m. on April 30, 2012 through 8 p.m. on April 30, 2012. The deviation allows the swing span of the BNSF Railway Bridge across Oregon Slough, mile 3.2, to remain in the closed position and need not open for maritime traffic from 8 a.m. through 8 p.m. on April 30, 2012. The bridge shall operate in accordance to 33 CFR §117.887 at all other times.

Waterway usage on this stretch of Oregon Slough includes vessels ranging from commercial sightseeing vessels to recreational pleasure craft including cabin cruisers and sailing vessels. Mariners will be notified and kept informed of the bridge’s operational status via the Coast Guard Notice to Mariners publication and Broadcast Notice to Mariners as appropriate.

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: April 3, 2012
Randall D. Overton,
Bridge Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard
33 CFR Part 117
[Docket No. USCG—2012–0281]

Drawbridge Operation Regulation;
Snohomish River and Steamboat Slough, Everett and Marysville, WA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard has issued a temporary deviation from the operating schedules that govern the SR 529 Bridge across the Snohomish River, mile 3.6 near Everett, WA, and the SR 529 Bridge across Steamboat Slough, mile 1.1, near Marysville, WA. This deviation is necessary to accommodate the Total Health Events Heros Half Marathon scheduled for April 29, 2012. This