DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[Docket No. USCG–2012–0330]

Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Intracoastal Waterway, Chesapeake, VA

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 Norfolk Southern #7 Railroad Bridge, across the Intracoastal Waterway, mile 5.8, in Chesapeake, VA. The deviation is necessary to facilitate replacing the lift joints of the drawbridge. This deviation restricts operation of the draw span, allowing it to remain in the closed position for three days.

DATES: This deviation is effective 6 a.m. May 8, 2012, until 8 p.m. May 10, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket are part of docket USCG–2012–0226 and are available online by going to www.regulations.gov, inserting USCG–2012–0226 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 Terrance Knowles, Environmental Protection Specialist, Fifth Coast Guard District, at telephone 757–398–6587, email Terrance.A.Knowles@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 Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel, who owns and operates this single-leaf bascule drawbridge, has requested a temporary deviation from the current operating regulations set out in 33 CFR 117.997(d) to facilitate mechanical repairs.

The Norfolk Southern #7 Bridge, at AIWW mile 5.8, across the Elizabeth River (Southern Branch) in Chesapeake, VA, has a vertical clearance in the closed position to vessels of 7 feet above mean high water.

Under the regular schedule set out at 33 CFR 117.997(d)(2), the Norfolk Southern #7 Bridge, at AIWW mile 5.8, across the Elizabeth River (Southern Branch) in Chesapeake, VA, shall be left in the open position to vessels and will only be closed for the passage of trains and to perform periodic maintenance.

To facilitate replacement of the lift joints of the draw span, the bridge will be maintained in the closed-to-navigation position each day from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. on May 8, 2012 through May 10, 2012.

Vessels that can pass under the bridge without a bridge opening may do so at all times. The bridge normally operates in the open position with several vessels transiting a week. There are no alternate routes for vessels transiting this section of the Elizabeth River.

Normal users of the waterway in the month of May are primarily recreational boats along with tug and barge traffic in the daytime. The bridge will be unable to open for emergencies.

To ensure that waterway users are aware of the closure, the Coast Guard will issue a Local and Broadcast Notices to Mariners to allow mariners to schedule their transits accordingly.

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.


Waverly W. Gregory, Jr.,
Bridge Program Manager, Fifth Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[Docket Number USCG–2012–0226]

Drawbridge Operation Regulation; St. Croix River, Stillwater, MN

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 Stillwater Highway Drawbridge across the St. Croix River, mile 23.4, at Stillwater, Minnesota. The deviation is necessary to enable completion of repairs to the bridge. This deviation allows the bridge to be operated on a restricted opening schedule.

DATES: This deviation is effective from 8:00 a.m. on October 15, 2012 to 7:59 a.m. on December 31, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket are part of docket USCG–2012–0226 and are available online by going to http://www.regulations.gov, inserting USCG–2012–0226 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 Eric A. Washburn, Bridge Administrator, Western Rivers, Coast Guard; telephone (314) 269–2378, email Eric.Washburn@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 Minnesota Department of Transportation requested a temporary deviation for the Stillwater Highway Drawbridge, across the St. Croix River, mile 23.4, at Stillwater, Minnesota to be operated on a restricted opening schedule from October 15, 2012 until December 31, 2012; as follows:

From 8:00 a.m. October 15, 2012 through 7:59 a.m. October 20, 2012, lift span will remain in the closed-to-navigation position.

From 8:00 a.m. October 20, 2012, through 5:59 p.m. October 21, 2012, lift span will open with 24-hour advance notice.

From 6:00 p.m. October 21, 2012, through 7:59 a.m. October 27, 2012, lift span will remain in the closed-to-navigation position.

From 8:00 a.m. October 27, 2012, through 5:59 p.m. October 28, 2012, lift span will open with 24-hour advance notice.

From 6:00 p.m. October 28, 2012, through 7:59 a.m. November 3, 2012, lift span will remain in the closed-to-navigation position.
From 8:00 a.m. November 3, 2012, through 5:59 p.m. November 4, 2012, lift span will open with 24-hour advance notice.

From 6:00 p.m. November 4, 2012, through 7:59 a.m. December 31, 2012, lift span will remain in the closed-to-navigation position.

The Stillwater Highway Drawbridge currently operates in accordance with 33 CFR 117.667(b), which states specific seasonal and commuter hours operating requirements.

There are no alternate routes for vessels transiting this section of the St. Croix River. For emergency vessels, there will be a contingency plan in place.

The Stillwater Highway Drawbridge, in the closed-to-navigation position, provides a vertical clearance of 10.9 feet above normal pool. Navigation on the waterway primarily consists of commercial sightseeing/dinner cruise boats and recreational watercraft. This temporary deviation has been coordinated with waterway users. No objections were received.

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: March 27, 2012.

Eric A. Washburn,
Bridge Administrator, Western Rivers.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[Docket No. USCG–2012–0292]

Drawbridge Operation Regulations; James River, Hopewell, VA

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 SR 156/ Benjamin Harrison Memorial Bridge, at mile 65.0, across the James River, at Hopewell, VA. This deviation is necessary to facilitate mechanical repairs to the vertical lift span. The deviation allows the drawbridge to remain in the closed to navigation position.

DATES: This deviation is effective from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on May 8, 2012.

ADDRESS: Documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket USCG–2012–0292 and are available online by going to http://www.regulations.gov, inserting USCG–2012–0292 in the “Keywords” box, and then clicking “Search.” This material is also available for inspection or copying 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.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Virginia Department of Transportation, who owns and operates this vertical-lift bridge, has requested a temporary deviation from the current operating regulations to facilitate structural repairs.

Under the regular operating schedule, the SR 156/Benjamin Harrison Memorial Bridge, at mile 65.0, across the James River, at Hopewell, VA opens on signal as required by 33 CFR 117.5 and has vertical clearances in the full open and closed positions of 145 feet and 50 feet above mean high water, respectively.

Under this temporary deviation, the drawbridge will be maintained in the closed to navigation position to facilitate repairs to the skew couplings that keep the vertical lift portion of the bridge balanced. The lift span will be closed to vessels from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Tuesday, May 8, 2012. The bridge will be unable to open for emergencies.

The James River caters to a variety of vessels from freighters to tug and barge traffic to recreational vessels. The Coast Guard has carefully coordinated the restrictions with commercial and recreational waterway users. Additionally, the Coast Guard will inform unexpected users of the waterway through our Local and Broadcast Notice to Mariners of the closure period for the bridge so that vessels can arrange their transits to minimize any impacts caused by the temporary deviation.

In accordance with 33 CFR 117.35(e), when applicable the draw must return to its original 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 18, 2012.

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Bridge Program Manager, Fifth Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[Docket No. USCG–2012–0101]

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Safety Zone; Patapsco River, Northwest and Inner Harbors, Baltimore, MD

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary safety zone upon certain waters of the Patapsco River, Northwest Harbor and Inner Harbor during the movement of the historic sloop-of-war USS CONSTELLATION on May 24, 2012. This action is necessary to provide for the safety of life on navigable waters during the tow of the vessel from its berth at the Inner Harbor in Baltimore, Maryland, to a point on the Patapsco River near the Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine in Baltimore, Maryland, and its return. This action will restrict vessel traffic in portions of the Patapsco River, Northwest Harbor, and Inner Harbor during the event.

DATES: This rule is effective from May 24, 2012 through May 31, 2012.

ADDRESS: Comments and material received from the public, as well as documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, are part of docket USCG–2012–0101 and are available online by going to http://www.regulations.gov, inserting USCG–2012–0101 in the “Keyword” box, and then clicking “Search.” Click on Open Docket Folder on the line associated with this rulemaking. This material is 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.