DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 100
[Docket No. USCG–2011–0595]
RIN 1625–AA08

Columbia Unlimited Hydroplane Races; Kennewick, WA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of enforcement of regulation.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard will enforce the Special Local Regulation for the Columbia Unlimited Hydroplane Races from Tuesday, July 24th through Sunday July 29th, 2012. This action is necessary to ensure the safety of persons and vessels involved in the Annual Kennewick, Washington, Columbia Unlimited Hydroplane Races (Water Follies). During the enforcement period, no vessel may operate in this area without permission from the on scene Patrol Commander.

DATES: The regulations in 33 CFR 100.1303 will be enforced from Tuesday, July 24th through Sunday July 29th, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. until the last race is completed each day at approximately 7:30 p.m., unless sooner terminated by the Patrol Commander.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this notice, call or email BM1 Silvestre Suga III, Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit Portland; telephone 503–240–9327, email Silvestre.G.Suga@USCG.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Coast Guard will enforce the regulations found in 33 CFR 100.1303 restricting regular navigation and anchoring activities on the Columbia River near Kennewick, Washington during the periods specified in the DATES section. Under the provisions of 33 CFR 100.1303, no person or vessel may enter or remain in the regulated area without permission of the Captain of the Port, Columbia River or his designated on-scene Patrol Commander. Persons or vessels wishing to enter the area may request permission to do so from the on-scene Patrol Commander via VHF Channel 16 or 13. The Coast Guard may be assisted by other Federal, State, or local enforcement agencies in enforcing this regulation. This notice is issued under authority of 5 U.S.C. 552(a).

In addition to this notice in the Federal Register, the Coast Guard will provide the maritime community with notification of these enforcement periods via Local Notice to Mariners.


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33 CFR Part 117
[Docket No. USCG–2012–0487]

Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Lake Washington Ship Canal, Seattle, WA

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 Montlake Bridge across the Lake Washington Ship Canal, mile 5.2, at Seattle, WA. This deviation is necessary to accommodate maintenance to the metro trolley system which crosses the bridge.

DATES: This deviation is effective from 10 p.m. on June 16, 2012 through 8 a.m. June 24, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket are part of docket USCG–2012–0487 and are available online by going to http://www.regulations.gov, inserting USCG–2012–0487 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 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: The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) has requested that the Montlake Bridge remain in the closed position. King County Metro Transit will be replacing the electrical cables and installing new electrical switches for the Metro Trolley system. King County will have electrical equipment and associated maintenance vehicles staged on the Montlake Bridge during these maintenance periods. The Montlake Bridge crosses the Lake Washington Ship Canal at mile 5.2 and while in the closed position provides 30 feet of vertical clearance throughout the navigation channel and 46 feet of vertical clearance throughout the center 60-feet of the bridge; vertical clearance referenced to the Mean Water Level of Lake Washington. Vessels which do not require a bridge opening may continue to transit beneath the bridge during these closure periods. Under normal conditions this bridge operates in accordance with 33 CFR 117.1051(e) which requires the bridge to open on signal, except that the bridge need not open for vessels less than 1,000 gross tons between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. This deviation period is from 10 p.m. June 16, 2012 through 8 a.m. June 24, 2012. This deviation allows the bascule span of the Montlake Bridge to remain in the closed position and need not open for maritime traffic from 10 p.m. on June 16, 2012 until 8 a.m. on June 17, 2012, and also from 10 p.m. on June 23, 2012 until 8 a.m. on June 24, 2012. The bridge shall operate in accordance to 33 CFR 117.1051(e) at all other times. Waterway usage on the Lake Washington Ship Canal ranges from commercial tug and barge to small pleasure craft. Mariners will be notified and kept informed of the bridge’s operational status via the Coast Guard Notice to Mariners and Broadcast Notice to Mariners as appropriate. The draw span will be required to open, if needed, for vessels engaged in emergency response operations during the closure periods.

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.