SUMMARY: The Coast Guard will enforce Seattle’s Seafair Fleet Week Moving Vessels Security Zones from 12:00 p.m. on July 31, 2012 through 5:00 p.m. on August 6, 2012. These security zones are necessary to ensure the safety of the vessels from sabotage or other subversive acts during Seafair Fleet Week moving vessels from the Captain of the Port, who may authorize and designate any Coast Guard commissioned, warrant, or petty officer to act on his behalf in enforcing the safety zone.

Dated: July 8, 2012.

B.J. Hawkins,
Commander, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port, Prince William Sound.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this temporary rule, call or email Lieutenant Junior Grade Anthony P. LaBoy, Sector Puget Sound, Waterways Management Division, U.S. Coast Guard; telephone 206–217–6323, email SectorPugetSoundWWM@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 Coast Guard will enforce the security zones for Seattle’s Seafair Fleet Week Moving Vessels within the Captain of the Port, Puget Sound Area of Responsibility in 33 CFR 165.1333 from 12:00 p.m. on July 31, 2012 through 5:00 p.m. on August 6, 2012.

Under the provisions of 33 CFR 165.1333, the following areas are security zones: All navigable waters within 500 yards of the HMCS NANAIMO (NCSM 702), HMCS EDMONTON (NCSM 703), HMCS ORIOLE, and the USCGC STRATTON (WMSL 752) while each vessel is in the Sector Puget Sound COTP Zone. No person or vessel may enter or remain in the security zones described in paragraph (a) of this section without the permission of the COTP or his Designated Representative.

The COTP has granted general permission for vessels to enter the outer 400 yards of the security zones as long as those vessels within the outer 400 yards of the security zones operate at the minimum speed necessary to maintain course unless required to maintain speed by the navigation rules. The COTP may be assisted by other federal, state or local agencies with the enforcement of the security zones. All vessels that desire to enter the inner 100 yards of the security zones or transit the outer 400 yards at greater than minimum speed necessary to maintain course must obtain permission from the COTP or his Designated Representative by contacting the on-scene Coast Guard patrol craft on VHF 13 or Channel 16. Requests must include the reason why movement within this area is necessary. Vessel operators granted permission to enter the security zones will be escorted by the on-scene Coast Guard patrol craft until they are outside of the security zones.

This notice is issued under authority of 33 CFR 165.1333 and 5 U.S.C. 552(a).

In addition to this notice, the Coast Guard will provide the maritime community with extensive advanced notification of the security zones via the Local Notice to Mariners and marine information broadcasts on the day of the event.

Dated: July 17, 2012.

S.J. Ferguson,
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port, Puget Sound.