

**§ 111.4 [Amended]**

■ 3. Amend § 111.4 by removing “August 9, 2011” and adding “July 31, 2012” in its place.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY****Coast Guard****33 CFR Part 117**

[Docket No. USCG–2012–0702]

**Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Gallants Channel, Beaufort, 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 US 70 (Grayden Paul) Bridge, at mile 0.1, over Gallants Channel, at Beaufort, NC. The deviation restricts the operation of the draw span and is necessary to accommodate the Neuse River Keeper Foundation Sprint Triathlon.

**DATES:** This deviation is effective 12:30 p.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday, September 29, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket USCG–2012–0702 and are available online by going to <http://www.regulations.gov>, inserting USCG–2012–0702 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.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you have questions on this rule, call or email Mr. Bill H. Brazier, Bridge Management Specialist, Fifth Coast Guard District, telephone (757) 398–6422, email [Bill.H.Brazier@uscg.mil](mailto:Bill.H.Brazier@uscg.mil). If you have questions on reviewing the docket, call Renne V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, (202)366–9826.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The North Carolina Department of Transportation who owns and operates this bascule-type drawbridge, on behalf of the

Coastal Society, has requested a temporary deviation from the operating regulations to accommodate the Neuse River Keeper Foundation Sprint Triathlon.

Under the current operating regulations set out in 33 CFR 117.823, the draw of the US 70 (Grayden Paul) Bridge, at mile 0.1, over Gallants Channel, at Beaufort, NC opens as follows: From 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., the draw need only open on the hour and on the half hour; except that Monday through Friday the bridge need not open between the hours of 6:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., the bridge will open on signal.

In the closed position to vessels, the US 70 (Grayden Paul) Bridge has a vertical clearance of 13 feet above mean high water.

Under this temporary deviation, the drawbridge will be closed to vessels requiring an opening from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, September 29, 2012. There are no alternate routes for vessels transiting this section of Gallants Channel and the drawbridge will be able to open in the event of an emergency.

The Coast Guard has carefully coordinated the restrictions with commercial and recreational waterway users. The Coast Guard will inform all users of the waterway through our Local and Broadcast Notice to Mariners of the closure periods 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), 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: July 23, 2012.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****United States Patent and Trademark Office****37 CFR Part 11**

[Docket No. PTO–C–2011–0089]

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**Implementation of Statute of Limitations Provisions for Office Disciplinary Proceedings**

**AGENCY:** United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Leahy-Smith America Invents Act (AIA) requires that disciplinary proceedings before the United States Patent and Trademark Office (Office or USPTO) be commenced not later than the earlier of either the date that is 10 years after the date on which the misconduct forming the basis of the proceeding occurred, or one year from the date on which the misconduct forming the basis of the proceeding was made known to an officer or employee of the Office, as prescribed in the regulations governing disciplinary proceedings. The Office is adopting procedural rules which: Specify that a disciplinary complaint shall be filed within one year after the date on which the Office of Enrollment and Discipline (OED) Director receives a grievance forming the basis of the complaint, and in no event more than ten years after the date on which the misconduct forming the basis for the proceeding occurred; define grievance as a written submission from any source received by the OED Director that presents possible grounds for discipline of a specified practitioner; and clarify that the one-year time frame for filing a complaint may be tolled by written agreement.

The Office will evaluate these procedures in the future to determine their effectiveness. If the new one-year time frame proves to be administratively unworkable or impedes the effectiveness of the disciplinary process, the Office may issue a new notice of proposed rulemaking.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* The changes in this final rule are effective on August 30, 2012.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William R. Covey, Deputy General Counsel for Enrollment and Discipline and Director of the Office of Enrollment and Discipline, by telephone at 571–272–4097, or by mail addressed to Mail Stop OED, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313–1450,