DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117
[Docket No. USCG–2013–0202]

Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Willamette River, Portland, OR

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of deviation from drawbridge regulation.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard has issued a temporary deviation from the operating schedule that governs the Hawthorne Bridge across the Willamette River, mile 13.1, at Portland, OR. This deviation is necessary to accommodate Portland’s Rock-n-Roll Half Marathon. This deviation allows the bridge to remain in the closed position to allow for the safe movement of event participants.

DATES: This deviation is effective on May 19, 2013, from 3 a.m. until 12:01 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The docket for this deviation, [USCG–2013–0202] is available at http://www.regulations.gov. Type the docket number in the “SEARCH” box and click “SEARCH.”

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Call Barbara Hairston, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202–366–9826, email James.L.Rousseau2@uscg.mil. If you have questions on this temporary deviation, call or email Mr. Jim Rousseau, Bridge Administration Branch Fifth District, Coast Guard; telephone (757) 398–6557, email James.L.Rousseau2@uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing the docket, call Barbara Hairston, Program Manager, Docket Operations, 202–366–9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Multnomah County has requested that the Hawthorne lift bridge remain closed to vessel traffic to facilitate safe, uninterrupted roadway passage of participants of the Rock-n-Roll Half Marathon event. The Hawthorne Bridge crosses the Willamette River at mile 13.1 and provides 49 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 117.897 which allows for the bridge to remain closed between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. This deviation period is from 3 a.m. on May 19, 2013, until 12:01 p.m. on May 19, 2013. The deviation allows the Hawthorne Bridge across the Willamette River, mile 13.1, to remain in the closed position and not open for maritime traffic from 3 a.m. on May 19, 2013, until 12:01 p.m. May 19, 2013. The bridge shall operate in accordance to 33 CFR 117.897 at all other times. Waterway usage on this stretch of the Willamette River includes vessels ranging 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 publication 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 this closure period.

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 25, 2013.

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33 CFR Part 117
[Docket No. USCG–2013–0209]

Drawbridge Operation Regulations; York River, between Yorktown and Gloucester Point, VA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of deviation from drawbridge regulation.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard has issued a temporary deviation from the operating schedule that governs the draw of the US 17/George P. Coleman Memorial Swing Bridge across the York River, at mile 7.0, between Gloucester Point and Yorktown, VA. This deviation is necessary to facilitate maintenance on the George P. Coleman Memorial Swing Bridge. This temporary deviation allows the drawbridge to remain in the closed-navigation position on specific dates and times.

DATES: This deviation is effective from 7 a.m. on April 21, 2013, until 5 p.m. April 28, 2013.

ADDRESSES: The docket for this deviation, [USCG–2013–0209] is available at http://www.regulations.gov. Type the docket number in the “SEARCH” box and click “SEARCH.”

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this temporary deviation, call or email Mr. Jim Rousseau, Bridge Administration Branch Fifth District, Coast Guard; telephone (757) 398–6557, email James.L.Rousseau2@uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing the docket, call Barbara Hairston, Program Manager, Docket Operations, 202–366–9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Virginia Department of Transportation, who owns and operates this swing bridge, has requested a temporary deviation from the current operating regulations set out in 33 CFR 117.1025, to facilitate maintenance on the structure.

Under the regular operating schedule, the Coleman Memorial Bridge, at mile 7.0, between Gloucester Point and Yorktown, VA opens on signal except from 5 a.m. to 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays the bridge shall remain closed to navigation. The Coleman Memorial Bridge has vertical clearances in the closed position of 60 feet above mean high water.

Under this temporary deviation, the drawbridge will be closed to navigation from 7 a.m. on April 21, 2013 to 5 p.m. on Sunday April 21, 2013; with an inclement weather date from 7 a.m. on April 28, 2013 to 5 p.m. on Sunday April 28, 2013. Emergency openings cannot be provided. There are no alternate routes for vessels transiting this section of the York River. In the event repairs are completed during the first weekend of closure, the bridge will return to its regular schedule during the second weekend.

The York River is used by a variety of vessels including military, tugs, and recreational vessels. The Coast Guard has carefully coordinated the restrictions with military, commercial,