DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[Docket No. USCG–2013–0450]

Drawbridge Operation Regulation;
Tombigbee River, AL

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of deviation from drawbridge regulation.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard has issued a temporary deviation from the regulation governing the operation of the Norfolk Southern (NS) Railroad vertical lift drawbridge across the Tombigbee River, mile 44.9, near Jackson, between Washington and Clarke Counties, Alabama. The deviation is necessary for emergency replacement of the counter weights and operation cables. This deviation allows the bridge to remain closed to navigation for two 72-hour closures and an additional 12-hour closure all over a 12-day period.

DATES: This deviation is effective from 7 a.m. on Monday July 8, 2013 through 7 p.m. Friday July 19, 2013.

ADDRESSES: The docket for this deviation, [USCG–2013–0450], is available at http://www.regulations.gov. Type the docket number in the “SEARCH” box and click “SEARCH.” Click on Open Docket Folder on the line associated with this deviation. You may also visit the Docket Management Facility in Room W12–140 on the ground floor of the Department of Transportation West Building, 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 temporary deviation, call or email Jim Wetherington, Bridge Branch Office, Coast Guard; telephone 504–671–2128, email james.w.wetherington@uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing the docket, call Barbara Hairston, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202–366–9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NS Railroad has requested a temporary deviation from the operating schedule for the vertical lift drawbridge across the Tombigbee River, mile 44.9, near Jackson, between Washington and Clarke Counties, Alabama. The bridge has a vertical clearance of 8 feet above ordinary high water at an elevation of 24.9 ft (NGVD 29) in the closed-to-navigation position. Vessels requiring a clearance of less than 8 feet above ordinary high water may transit beneath the bridge during maintenance operations.

In accordance with Title 33 CFR 117.5, the bridge must open promptly and fully for the passage of vessels when requested or signaled to open. This deviation will allow the bridge to remain closed to marine traffic from 7 a.m. on Monday July 8, 2013 through 7 a.m. on Thursday July 11, 2013. A second 72 hour closure is scheduled from 7 a.m. on Monday July 15, 2013 through 7 a.m. on Thursday July 18, 2013. Finally, an additional 12 hour closure is scheduled from 7 a.m. through 7 p.m. on Friday July 19, 2013. At all other times, the bridge will operate in accordance with Title 33 CFR 117.5.

The closure is necessary for the replacement of worn counter weights and operation cables. They were discovered after a general maintenance inspection. This maintenance was then scheduled. Notices will be published in the Eighth Coast Guard District Local Notice to Mariners System.

Navigation on the waterway consists of tugs with and without tows, commercial vessels, and recreational craft. Coordination between the Coast Guard and the waterway users determined that there should not be any significant effects on these vessels. The bridge will be unable to open during these repairs and no alternate route is available. If vessels can pass without an opening they may proceed with extreme caution.

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: June 6, 2013.

David M. Frank,
Bridge Administrator.

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[Docket No. USCG–2013–0428]

Drawbridge Operation Regulation;
Carquinez Strait, Martinez, CA

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 Union Pacific Railroad Drawbridge across the Carquinez Strait, mile 7.0 at Martinez, CA. The deviation is necessary to perform a cable replacement at the bridge. This deviation allows the bridge to remain the closed-to-navigation position during the repair period.

DATES: This deviation is effective from 7 a.m. on June 22, 2013 to 5 p.m. on June 30, 2013.

ADDRESSES: The docket for this deviation, [USCG–2013–0428], is available at http://www.regulations.gov. Type the docket number in the “SEARCH” box and click “SEARCH.” Click on Open Docket Folder on the line associated with this deviation. You may also visit the Docket Management Facility in Room W12–140 on the ground floor of the Department of Transportation West Building, 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 temporary deviation, call or email David H. Sulouff, Chief, Bridge Section, Eleventh Coast Guard District; telephone 510–437–3516, email David.H.Sulouff@uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing the docket, call Barbara Hairston, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202–366–9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Union Pacific Railroad Company has requested a temporary change to the operation of the Union Pacific Railroad Drawbridge, mile 7.0, over Carquinez Strait, at Martinez, CA. The drawbridge navigation span provides 135 feet vertical clearance above Mean High Water in the full open-to-navigation position, and 70 feet vertical clearance when closed. The draw opens on signal from approaching vessels, as required by 33 CFR 117.5. Navigation on the waterway is commercial and recreational.

The drawspan will be secured in the closed-to-navigation position to replace bridge lifting cables, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., on June 22, June 23, June 29, and June 30, 2013. The drawspan will be operational each night between 5 p.m. and 7 a.m.

This temporary deviation has been coordinated with commercial operators and San Francisco Bay Association. No objections to the proposed temporary deviation were accepted.