

regulation for Recurring Marine Events in Captain of the Port Mobile Zone identifies the regulated area for this rowing event. During the enforcement period, no vessel may transit this regulated area without approval from the Captain of the Port or a designated representative.

DATES: The regulation in 33 CFR 100.801, Table 7, No. 4, will be enforced on March 25, 2017 from 7 a.m. until noon.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about this notice of enforcement, call or email LT Fannie L. Wilks, Sector Mobile, Waterways Management Division, U.S. Coast Guard; telephone 251-441-5940, email Fannie.L.Wilks@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Coast Guard will enforce a special local regulation in 33 CFR 100.801, Table 7, number 4, from 7 a.m. until noon on March 25, 2017, for the Rowing Competition in Tuscaloosa, AL. This action is being taken to provide for the safety of life on navigable waterways during the rowing event. Our regulation for Recurring Marine Events in Captain of the Port Mobile Zone, § 100.801, specifies the location of the regulated area for this 2.5 mile-long rowing event. As specified in § 100.801 during the enforcement period, no vessel may transit this regulated area without approval from the Captain of the Port Mobile (COTP) or a COTP designated representative.

This notice of enforcement is issued under authority of 33 CFR 100.801 and 5 U.S.C. 552(a). In addition to this notice of enforcement in the **Federal Register**, the Coast Guard plans to provide notification of this enforcement period via the Local Notice to Mariners and Broadcast Notice to Mariners.

Dated: February 3, 2017.

J.H. Snowden,

Captain, U. S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port Mobile.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[Docket No. USCG-2017-0101]

Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, Galveston, TX

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of deviation from drawbridge regulations.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard has issued a temporary deviation from the operating schedule that governs the Galveston Causeway Railroad Vertical Lift Bridge across the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW), mile 357.2 West of Harvey Locks (WHL), at Galveston, Galveston County, Texas. The deviation is necessary to conduct cable lubing and maintenance on the bridge. This deviation allows the bridge to remain in the down position for two four-hour periods, on five consecutive days during day-light hours.

DATES: This deviation is effective from 7 a.m. on March 6, 2017 through 5 p.m. on March 10, 2017.

ADDRESSES: The docket for this deviation, [USCG-2017-0101] 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this temporary deviation, call or email Giselle MacDonald, Bridge Administration Branch, Coast Guard; telephone 504-671-2128, email Giselle.T.MacDonald@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company requested a temporary deviation from the operating schedule of the Galveston Causeway Railroad Vertical Lift Bridge across the GIWW, mile 357.2 WHL, at Galveston, Galveston County, Texas. This deviation was requested to allow the bridge owner to complete cable lubing and scheduled semi-annual maintenance. This bridge is governed by 33 CFR 117.5.

This deviation allows the vertical lift bridge to remain in the closed-to-navigation position from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., daily, beginning March 6 through March 10, 2017, with a scheduled two-hour opening each day to facilitate passage of vessel traffic from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the bridge will revert to open on demand status at 5 p.m. each day.

The bridge has a vertical clearance of 8.0 feet above mean high water, elevation 3 feet of the North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD88), in the closed-to-navigation position and 73 feet above mean high water in the open-to-navigation position. Navigation at the site of the bridge consists mainly of tows with barges and some recreational pleasure craft. The bridge can open in case of emergency. No alternate routes are available. The Coast Guard will

inform the users of the waterways through our Local and Broadcast Notices to Mariners of the change in operating schedule for the bridge.

In accordance with 33 CFR 117.35(e), the drawbridge must return to its regular operating schedule immediately at the end of the effective period of this temporary deviation. This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.

Dated: February 27, 2017.

Eric A. Washburn,

Bridge Administrator, Eighth Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[Docket No. USCG-2016-1023]

Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Annisquam River and Blynman Canal, Gloucester, MA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from drawbridge regulations; modification.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard has modified a temporary deviation from the operating schedule that governs the Blynman (SR127) Bridge across the Annisquam River and Blynman Canal at mile 0.0 at Gloucester, MA. This modified deviation allows the bridge to remain in the closed-to-navigation position and is necessary to perform bridge repairs.

DATES: This modified deviation is effective from 7 a.m. on March 13, 2017 through 4 p.m. on March 19, 2017.

ADDRESSES: The docket for this deviation, USCG-2016-1023 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this modified temporary deviation, call or email Mr. Jeffrey Stieb, First Coast Guard District Bridge Branch, Coast Guard, telephone 617-223-8364, email Jeffrey.D.Stieb@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 9, 2016, the Coast Guard published a temporary deviation entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Annisquam River and

Blynman Canal, Gloucester, MA” in the **Federal Register** (81 FR 89007). The temporary deviation allows the bridge to be opened with a two hour advance notice during the hours of 8 p.m. through 4 a.m. from December 6, 2016 through April 30, 2017.

The owner of the bridge, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, has requested a modification of the currently published deviation in order to close the bridge to navigation from 7 a.m. on Monday, March 13, 2017 through 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 19, 2017, for necessary repairs. Two bascule leaf motors will be removed off site to be rehabilitated and reinstalled. During the period of this modification the draw span will be inoperable.

The waterways are transited primarily by seasonal recreational vessels of various sizes. On average, twelve requests were made annually during the seven day period in March for which the modification is requested. The bridge will not be able to open for emergencies. The Coast Guard contacted local waterway users regarding the Commonwealth’s request for this modification and received no objections. The height of the bridge in the closed position is eight feet. Vessels able to pass through the bridge in the closed position may continue to do so. The northern entrance to the Annisquam River can be used as an alternate route for vessels to Ipswich Bay and the Atlantic Ocean.

The Coast Guard will inform users of the bridge closure through our Local and Broadcast Notices to Mariners so vessel operators can arrange their transit to minimize impacts. The drawbridge schedule will return to regular operation on April 30, 2017. This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.

Dated: February 27, 2017.

C.J. Bisignano,

*Supervisory Bridge Management Specialist,
First Coast Guard District.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[Docket Number USCG–2017–0118]

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Safety Zone; Columbia River, Sand Island, WA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Temporary interim rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary safety zone on the Columbia River within a 500-yard radius of the small boat “Nessy” while in the area of Sand Island, near Chinook, WA, during Double-Crested Cormorant removal operations being conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and U.S. Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services. This rule prohibits all persons and vessels from being in the safety zone unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Sector Columbia River (COTP), or a designated representative. We invite your comments on this rulemaking.

DATES: This rule is effective from April 3, 2017, through May 25, 2017. Comments and related material must be received by the Coast Guard on or before March 24, 2017.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by docket number USCG–2017–0118 using the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. See the “Public Participation and Request for Comments” portion of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for further instructions on submitting comments. To view documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, type USCG–2017–0118 in the “SEARCH” box and click “SEARCH.” Click on Open Docket Folder on the line associated with this rule.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this rule, call or email LCDR Laura Springer, Waterways Management Division, Marine Safety Unit Portland, U.S. Coast Guard; telephone 503–240–9319, email msupdxwwm@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Table of Abbreviations

CFR Code of Federal Regulations
DHS Department of Homeland Security
FR Federal Register
NPRM Notice of proposed rulemaking

§ Section

U.S.C. United States Code

COTP Captain of the Port Sector Columbia River

II. Background Information and Regulatory History

The Coast Guard is issuing this temporary rule without prior notice and opportunity to comment pursuant to authority under section 4(a) of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) (5 U.S.C. 553(b)). This provision authorizes an agency to issue a rule without prior notice and opportunity to comment when the agency for good cause finds that those procedures are “impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest.” Under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for not publishing a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) with respect to this rule because the Double-Crested Cormorant removal operations are scheduled to begin on April 3, 2017 and there is not sufficient time to publish an NPRM and take comments prior to the safety zone being needed to help ensure the safety of waterways users. The Coast Guard received the specific dates that the removal operations will take place on February 27, 2017.

The Coast Guard is soliciting public comments on this temporary interim rule. Although we need to make this interim rule effective starting April 3, 2017, we will consider public comments and may issue a temporary final rule that will supersede this interim rule based on your comment.

III. Public Participation and Request for Comments

We view public participation as essential to effective rulemaking, and will consider all comments and material received during the comment period. Your comment can help shape the outcome of this rulemaking. If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this rulemaking, indicate the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and provide a reason for each suggestion or recommendation.

We encourage you to submit comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. If your material cannot be submitted using <http://www.regulations.gov>, contact the person in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document for alternate instructions.

We accept anonymous comments. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov> and will include