Department of Homeland Security
Coast Guard
33 CFR Part 165
[Docket No. USCG–2016–0605]

Safety Zone; Independence Day Fireworks, Kings Beach, CA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of enforcement of regulation.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard will enforce the safety zone for the Independence Day Fireworks, Kings Beach, CA in the Captain of the Port, San Francisco area of responsibility during the dates and times noted below. This action is necessary to protect life and property of the maritime public from the hazards associated with the fireworks display.

The enforcement period, unauthorized persons or vessels are prohibited from entering into, transiting through, or anchoring in the safety zone during all applicable dates and times, unless authorized to do so by the PATCOM. Additionally, each person who receives notice of a lawful order or direction issued by an official patrol vessel shall obey the order or direction. The PATCOM is empowered to forbid entry into and control the regulated area. The PATCOM shall be designated by the Commander, Coast Guard Sector San Francisco. The PATCOM may, upon request, allow the transit of commercial vessels through regulated areas when it is safe to do so.

This notice of enforcement is issued under authority of 33 CFR 165.1191 and 5 U.S.C. 552(a). In addition to this notification in the Federal Register, the Coast Guard will provide the maritime community with extensive advance notification of the safety zone and its enforcement period via the Local Notice to Mariners. If the Captain of the Port determines that the regulated area need not be enforced for the full duration stated in this notification, a Broadcast Notice to Mariners may be used to grant general permission to enter the regulated area.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
Coast Guard
33 CFR Part 165
[Docket No. USCG–2017–0611]

Safety Zone; Delta Independence Day Celebration Fireworks

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of enforcement of regulation.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard will enforce the safety zone for the Delta Independence Day Celebration Fireworks in the Captain of the Port, San Francisco area of responsibility during the dates and times noted below. This action is necessary to protect life and property of the maritime public from the hazards associated with the fireworks display. During the enforcement period, unauthorized persons or vessels are prohibited from entering into, transiting through, or anchoring in the safety zone, unless authorized by the Patrol Commander (PATCOM).

DATES: The regulations in 33 CFR 165.1191, Table 1, Item number 14 will be enforced from 8 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. on July 4, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this notice, call or email Lieutenant Junior Grade Christina Ramirez, U.S. Coast Guard Sector San Francisco; telephone (415) 399–2001 or email at D11-PF-MarineEvents@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Coast Guard will enforce a 100 foot safety zone around the fireworks barge during the loading, transit, and arrival of the fireworks barge to the display location and until the start of the fireworks display. From 8 a.m. until 9 a.m. on July 4, 2017, the fireworks barge will be loading off of Dutra Corporation Yard in Rio Vista, CA. From approximately 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on July 4, 2017 the loaded barge will transit from Dutra Corporation Yard to the launch site near Venice Island, CA in approximate position 38°03'21" N., 121°32'03" W. (NAD83). The fireworks barge will remain at launch site until the commencement of the fireworks display. Upon the commencement of the 20-minute fireworks display, scheduled to begin at approximately 9:30 p.m. on July 4, 2017, the safety zone will increase in size to encompass the navigable waters around and under the fireworks barge within a radius 1,000 feet in approximate position 38°03'21" N., 121°32'03" W. (NAD83) where it will remain until the conclusion of the fireworks display.

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The Coast Guard is issuing this rule under authority in 33 U.S.C. 1231. The COTP has determined that potential hazards associated with the fireworks to be used in this July 3, 2017 display will be a safety concern for anyone on the Severn River near the end of the Sherwood Forest Club main pier. The purpose of this rulemaking is to ensure the safety of vessels and the navigable waters in the safety zone before, during, and after the scheduled event.

IV. Discussion of Comments, Changes, and the Rule

As noted above, we received two comments on our NPRM published April 6, 2017. Both comments addressed issues not related to this rulemaking. Therefore, there are no changes in the regulatory text of this rule from the proposed rule in the NPRM based on the comments received.

Details of the event were provided to the Coast Guard on May 15, 2017, that allowed the COTP to reassess the potential hazards associated with the fireworks to be used in this July 3, 2017 display. The area of the safety zone at the fireworks discharge site located at end of the Sherwood Forest Club main pier, listed in the Table to 33 CFR 165.506 under Coast Guard Sector Maryland-National Capital Region—COTP Zone as No. (b).27, is reduced from a 200 yards radius to a 150 yards radius. As a result, there is one change in the regulatory text of this rule from the proposed rule in the NPRM. The safety zone will be reduced in size from 200 yards from the center point located at 39°01′54.0″ N., longitude 076°32′41.8″ W. to a 150 yard radius.

V. Regulatory Analyses

We developed this rule after considering numerous statutes and Executive orders related to rulemaking. Below we summarize our analyses based on a number of these statutes and Executive orders, and we discuss First Amendment rights of protestors.

A. Regulatory Planning and Review

Executive Orders 12866 and 13563 direct agencies to assess the costs and benefits of available regulatory