DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117
[Docket No. USCG–2017–0927]

Drawbridge Operation Regulation; James River, Hopewell, 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 SR 156/Benjamin Harrison Memorial Bridge which carries SR 156 across the James River, mile 65.0, at Hopewell, VA. The deviation is necessary to facilitate bridge maintenance. This position allows the bridge to remain in the closed-to-navigation position.

DATES: This deviation is effective without actual notice from October 2, 2017 through 5 a.m. on Saturday, October 7, 2017. For the purposes of enforcement, actual notice will be used from 7 p.m. on Saturday, September 30, 2017, until October 2, 2017.

ADDRESSES: The docket for this deviation, [USCG–2017–0927] 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 Mr. Michael Thorogood, Bridge Administration Branch Fifth District, Coast Guard, telephone 757–398–6557, email Michael.R.Thorogood@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Virginia Department of Transportation, owner and operator of the SR 156/Benjamin Harrison Memorial Bridge that carries SR 156, across the James River, mile 65.0, at Hopewell, VA, has requested a temporary deviation from the current operating schedule to facilitate structural steel maintenance of the vertical lift span for the drawbridge. The bridge has a vertical clearance of 50 feet above mean high water in the closed position and 145 feet above mean high water in the open position.

The current operating schedule is set out in 33 CFR 117.5. Under this temporary deviation, the bridge will be in the closed-to-navigation position from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m., daily, all week, on Saturday, September 30, 2017, through Saturday, October 7, 2017. The James River is used by a variety of vessels including U.S. Government and public vessels, commercial vessels, tug and barge traffic, and recreational vessels. The Coast Guard has carefully considered the nature and volume of vessel traffic on the waterway in publishing this temporary deviation. Vessels able to pass through the bridge in the closed-to-navigation position may do so at any time. The bridge will be able to open for emergencies and will open on signal during the closure period, if 30 minutes notice is given. The Coast Guard will also inform the users of the waterway through our Local Notice and Broadcast Notices to Mariners of the change in operating schedule for the bridge so that vessel operators can arrange their transits to minimize any impact caused by the temporary deviation.

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: September 27, 2017.

Hal R. Pitts,
Bridge Program Manager, Fifth Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165
[Docket No. USCG–2015–1081]

Safety Zones; Annual Events Requiring Safety Zones in the Captain of the Port Lake Michigan Zone—Corn Festival Fireworks

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of enforcement of regulation.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard will enforce a safety zone on the Illinois River in Morris, IL. This action is necessary and intended to ensure the safety of life and property on navigable waters before, during, and immediately after a shore based firework display. During the enforcement period listed below, vessels and persons are prohibited from transiting through, mooring, or anchoring within this safety zone without approval from the Captain of the Port Lake Michigan or his or her designated representative.

DATES: The regulations in 33 CFR 165.929 will be enforced for the location listed in item (h)(1) in Table 165.929 to 33 CFR 165.929 from 8:15 p.m., until 9:25 p.m. on September 30, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about this notice of enforcement, call or email LT John Ramos, Waterways Management Division, Marine Safety Unit Chicago, at 630–986–2155, email address D09-DG-MSUCHicago-Waterways@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Coast Guard will enforce the safety zone listed in 33 CFR 165.929: Safety Zone; Corn Festival Fireworks listed as item (h)(1) in Table 165.929 of 33 CFR 165.929. Section 165.929 lists many annual events requiring safety zones in the Captain of the Port Lake Michigan zone. This safety zone will encompass all waters of the Illinois River within an 560 foot radius from approximate launch position at 41°21.173’ N. 88°25.101’ W. (NAD 83). This safety zone will be enforced on September 30, 2017 from 8:15 p.m. until 9:25 p.m.

All vessels must obtain permission from the Captain of the Port Lake Michigan, or his or her designated on-scene representative to enter, move within, or exit this safety zone during the enforcement times listed in this notice of enforcement. All requests must be made in advance and approved by the Captain of the Port Lake Michigan before transits will be authorized. Approvals for entry will be granted on a case-by-case basis. All vessels and persons granted permission to enter the safety zone shall obey all lawful orders or directions of the Captain of the Port Lake Michigan, or his or her on-scene representative.

This notice of enforcement is issued under authority of 33 CFR 165.929, Safety Zones; Annual events requiring safety zones in the Captain of the Port Lake Michigan zone, and 5 U.S.C. 552(a). In addition to this publication in the Federal Register, the Coast Guard will provide the maritime community with advance notification of this enforcement period via Broadcast Notice to Mariners and Local Notice to Mariners. The Captain of the Port Lake Michigan or a designated on-scene representative may be contacted via VHF Channel 16 during the event.

Dated: September 26, 2017.

Thomas J. Stuhldreher,
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port Lake Michigan.

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