

PART 100—SAFETY OF LIFE ON NAVIGABLE WATERS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 100 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1233.

■ 2. Add § 100.723 to read as follows:

§ 100.723 Special Local Regulation; Fort Lauderdale Grand Prix of the Seas; Fort Lauderdale, FL.

(a) *Location.* The following regulated area is established as a special local regulation. All navigable waters contained within an imaginary line connecting the following points: beginning at Point 1 in position 26°6'21" N., 080°5'51" W.; thence west to Point 2 in position 26°6'21" N., 080°6'13" W.; thence north to Point 3 in position 26°6'57" N., 080°6'13" W.; thence east to Point 4 in position 26°6'57" N., 080°5'52" W., thence back to origin at point 1. All coordinates are North American Datum 1983.

(b) *Definition.* The following definitions apply to this section:

(1) The term “designated representative” means Coast Guard Patrol Commanders, including Coast Guard coxswains, petty officers, and other officers operating Coast Guard vessels, and Federal, State, and Local officers designated by or assisting the Captain of the Port Miami in the enforcement of the regulated areas.

(2) The term “Patrol Commander” means a commissioned, warrant, or petty officer of the Coast Guard who has been designated by the respective Coast Guard Sector Commander to enforce these regulations.

(3) The term “spectators” means all persons and vessels not registered with the event sponsor as participants or official patrol vessels.

(c) *Regulations.* (1) All non-participant persons and vessels are prohibited from entering, transiting through, anchoring in, or remaining within the regulated area unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Miami or a designated representative.

(2) Persons and vessels desiring to enter, transit through, anchor in, remain within or transit in excess of wake speed within any of the regulated area may contact the Captain of the Port Miami by telephone at (305) 535-8701, or a designated representative via VHF-FM radio on channel 16 to request authorization. If authorization is granted, all persons and vessels receiving such authorization must comply with the instructions of the Captain of the Port Miami or a designated representative.

(3) The Coast Guard will use all appropriate means to notify the public

in advance of an event of the enforcement of the regulations in this section to include publishing a Notice of Enforcement in the **Federal Register** and through the local Notice to Mariners and Broadcast Notice to Mariners.

(d) *Enforcement date.* This section will be enforced annually on a weekend (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) in the month of November.

Dated: October 23, 2017.

J.H.D. Solomon,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**Coast Guard****33 CFR Part 117**

[Docket No. USCG-2017-0967]

Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, Alligator River, Columbia, NC

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 US 64/ Alligator River Bridge which carries US 64 over the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (AICW), Alligator River, mile 84.2, near Columbia, NC. The deviation is necessary to facilitate bridge maintenance. This deviation allows the bridge to remain in the closed-to-navigation position.

DATES: The deviation is effective from 7 a.m. on November 6, 2017, through 7 p.m. on November 17, 2017.

ADDRESSES: The docket for this deviation, USCG-2017-0967 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 North Carolina Department of Transportation, owner and operator of the US 64/ Alligator River Bridge that carries US 64 over the AICW, Alligator River, mile 84.2, at near Columbia, NC, has

requested a temporary deviation from the current operating schedule to facilitate application of an epoxy overlay for the drawbridge’s entire bridge deck. The bridge has a vertical clearance of 14 feet above mean high water in the closed position and unlimited 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 a.m. to 7 p.m.; on Monday, November 6, 2017, through Saturday, November 11, 2017, and Monday, November 13, 2017, through Friday, November 17, 2017.

The AICW, Alligator River is used by a variety of vessels including, small commercial vessels, tug and barge traffic, and recreational vessels. The Coast Guard has carefully coordinated the restrictions with waterway users 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 open on signal during closure period, if at least 2 hours notice is given. The bridge will be able to open for emergencies and there is no immediate alternative route for vessels unable to pass through the bridge in the closed position. 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 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: October 27, 2017.

Hal R. Pitts,

Bridge Program Manager, Fifth Coast Guard District.

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