

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY****Coast Guard****33 CFR Part 117****[Docket No. USCG–2018–0129]****Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Snohomish River and Steamboat Slough, Everett and Marysville, WA****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 529 highway bridges, north and south bound, across the Snohomish River, mile 3.6 near Everett, WA, and the SR 529 highway bridges, north and south bound, across Steamboat Slough, mile 1.1 and 1.2, near Marysville, WA. The deviation is necessary to accommodate the Everett Half Marathon run event. This deviation allows the bridges to remain in the closed-to-navigation position during the marathon to allow safe movement of event participants.

**DATES:** This deviation is effective from 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. on April 8, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** The docket for this deviation, USCG–2018–0129 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. Steven Fischer, Bridge Administrator, Thirteenth Coast Guard District; telephone 206–220–7282, email [d13-pf-d13bridges@uscg.mil](mailto:d13-pf-d13bridges@uscg.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Washington State Department of Transportation, the bridge owner, has requested that the SR 529 highway bridges, north bound and south bound, across the Snohomish River and Steamboat Slough remain in the closed-to-navigation position. This request is to facilitate safe, uninterrupted roadway passage of participants of the Everett Half Marathon. The SR 529 highway bridges across the Snohomish River, at mile 3.6, provide 37 feet of vertical clearance above mean high water elevation while in the closed-to-navigation position; and these bridges operate in accordance with 33 CFR 117.1059(c). The SR 529 highway bridges across Steamboat Slough, at mile 1.1 and 1.2, provide 10 feet of vertical clearance above mean high

water elevation in the closed-to-navigation position; and these bridges operate in accordance with 33 CFR 117.1059(g).

The SR 529 bridges crossing the Snohomish River and Steamboat Slough are authorized to remain in the closed-to navigation position, and need not open for maritime traffic from 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. on April 8, 2018. The bridges shall operate in accordance to 33 CFR 117.1059 at all other times. Vessels able to pass under the subject bridges in the closed-to-navigation position may do so at any time, and these bridges will be required to open, if needed, for vessels engaged in emergency response during the closure period.

Waterway usage on this part of the Snohomish River and Steamboat Slough includes vessels ranging from commercial tug and barge to small pleasure craft. An alternate route for vessels to pass is available through Ebey Slough and Union Slough near the entrance of Steamboat Slough at high tide. A request for comment with any objections to this deviation was advertised in the Local Notice to Mariners. We did not receive any comments or objections. The Coast Guard will also inform the users of the waterways through our Local and Broadcast Notices to Mariners of the change in operating schedule for the bridges so that vessels can arrange their transits to minimize any impact caused by the temporary deviation.

In accordance with 33 CFR 117.35(e), the drawbridges must return to their 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.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY****Coast Guard****33 CFR Part 117****[Docket No. USCG–2018–0127]****Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Willamette River, Portland, OR****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 lower deck of the Steel Bridge across the Willamette River, mile 12.1, in Portland, OR. The deviation is necessary to support the Shamrock Stride event. This deviation allows the lower lift span of the bridge to remain in the closed-to-navigation position.

**DATES:** This deviation is effective from 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. on March 18, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** The docket for this deviation, USCG–2018–0127, 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. Steven Fischer, Bridge Administrator, Thirteenth Coast Guard District; telephone 206–220–7282, email [d13-pf-d13bridges@uscg.mil](mailto:d13-pf-d13bridges@uscg.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Union Pacific Railroad Company (UPRR) owns and operates the Steel Bridge across the Willamette River, at mile 12.1, in Portland, OR. UPRR requested a temporary deviation from the operating schedule for the Steel Bridge lower lift span. The deviation is necessary to accommodate the Shamrock Stride run/walk event. The Steel Bridge is a double-deck lift bridge, and the lower lift span operates independent of the upper lift span. To facilitate this temporary deviation request, the lower lift span is authorized to remain in the closed-to-navigation position, and need not open to marine vessels from 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. on March 18, 2018. When the lower span is in the closed-to-navigation position, the bridge provides 26 feet of vertical clearance above Columbia River Datum 0.0. The lower lift span of the Steel Bridge operates in accordance with 33 CFR 117.5.

Waterway usage on this part of the Willamette River includes vessels ranging from commercial tug and barge to small pleasure craft. Vessels able to pass through the subject bridge with the lower deck in the closed-to-navigation position may do so at any time. The lower lift of the Steel Bridge will be able to open for emergencies, and there is no immediate alternate route for vessels to pass. The Coast Guard requested objections be submitted to this deviation in the Local Notice to Mariners. We have not received any objections to this temporary deviation from the operating schedule. The Coast Guard will also