

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[Docket No. USCG–2018–0284]

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 upper deck of the Steel Bridge across the Willamette

River, mile 12.1, in Portland, OR. The deviation is necessary to support multiple events. This deviation allows the lower lift span of the bridge to remain in the closed-to-navigation position.

DATES: This deviation is effective from 9:30 a.m. on May 6, 2018 to 11:59 p.m. on June 23, 2018.

ADDRESSES: The docket for this deviation, USCG–2018–0284, 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.

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 upper lift span. The deviation is necessary to accommodate multiple community events. This deviation authorizes UPRR to operate the Steel Bridge upper lift span as follows:

Time/date start	Time/date end	Action
8 a.m./May 6, 2018	9:30 a.m./May 6, 2018	Upper lift closed.
7 p.m./June 2, 2018	11:59 p.m./June 2, 2018	Upper lift closed.
7 a.m./June 9, 2018	1 p.m./June 9, 2018	Upper lift closed.
4 a.m./June 23, 2018	11:59 p.m./June 23, 2018	Upper lift closed.

The Steel Bridge is a double-deck lift bridge, and the lower lift span operates independent of the upper lift span. To facilitate this deviation, the upper deck will remain in the closed-to-navigation position. When the lower deck is in the closed-to-navigation position, the bridge provides 26 feet of vertical clearance above Columbia River Datum 0.0; and in open-to-navigation position, the vertical clearance is 71 feet above Columbia River Datum 0.0. The lower lift deck of the Steel Bridge operates in accordance with 33 CFR 117.5. The upper lift deck of the Steel Bridge operates in accordance with 33 CFR 117.897(c)(3)(ii), and at the end of this deviation period, the upper deck of the Steel Bridge will resume operating in accordance with 33 CFR 117.897(c)(3)(ii).

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 upper 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 inform the users of the waterway through our Local and Broadcast Notices to Mariners of the change in operating schedule for the subject 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 designated time period. This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.

Dated: April 10, 2018.
Steven M. Fischer,
Bridge Administrator, Thirteenth Coast Guard District.
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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[Docket No. USCG–2017–0068]

RIN 1625–AA09

Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway and Biscayne Bay, Miami, FL

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is modifying the operating schedule that governs the Venetian Causeway Bridge (West) across the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway mile 1088.6, and the operating schedule that governs the Venetian Causeway Bridge (East) across Biscayne Bay, Miami Beach, FL. This action will extend the

daily twice an hour opening schedule of the Venetian Causeway Bridges (East and West) to include weekends and Federal holidays. This action is intended to reduce vehicular traffic caused by the on-demand weekend and Federal holiday bridge openings.

DATES: This rule is effective May 17, 2018.

ADDRESSES: To view documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Type USCG–2017–0068 in the “SEARCH” box and click “SEARCH.” Click on Open Docket Folder on the line associated with this rulemaking.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this rule, call or email LT Ruth Sadowitz, Coast Guard Sector Miami, FL, Waterways Management Division, telephone 305–535–4307, email ruth.a.sadowitz@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Table of Abbreviations

- CFR Code of Federal Regulations
- DHS Department of Homeland Security
- FR Federal Register
- OMB Office of Management and Budget
- NPRM Notice of proposed rulemaking (Advance, Supplemental)
- § Section
- U.S.C. United States Code
- AICW Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway
- FDOT Florida Department of Transportation
- FL Florida
- MHW Mean High Water

II. Background Information and Regulatory History

On September 5, 2017, we published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) entitled Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway and Biscayne Bay, Miami, FL in the **Federal Register** (82 FR 41901). We received 2 comments on this rule.

III. Legal Authority and Need for Rule

The Coast Guard is issuing this rule under authority in 33 U.S.C. 499.

The Venetian Causeway Bridge (West), across the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, mile 1088.6, is a double leaf bascule bridge and has a vertical clearance of 12 feet at Mean High Water (MHW) in the closed to navigation position and a horizontal clearance of 90 feet between fenders. The Venetian Causeway Bridge (East), across Biscayne Bay, at Miami Beach, FL is a double leaf bascule bridge with a vertical clearance of 5 feet at MHW in the closed to navigation position and a horizontal clearance of 57 feet between fenders. Presently, in accordance with 33 CFR 117.261(nn) and 33 CFR 117.269, the bridges shall open on signal, except that from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays, the bridges need only open on the hour and half hour.

Miami-Dade County, the bridge owner, and the Cities of Miami and Miami Beach requested the daily twice an hour operating schedule for both bridges be changed to include weekends and Federal holidays. This should provide relief to the increase vehicle traffic congestion on the weekends while meeting the reasonable needs of navigation.

IV. Discussion of Comments, Changes and the Final Rule

Of the 2 comments received, one was a political statement that had no bearing on the proposed regulation; the second comment was in favor of the operating schedule change. The submitter in favor of the change did suggest that there may be a negative impact to small entities on land economically if the bridge is open for an extended period of time allowing vessels that have been waiting to pass and vice versa for commercial vessels that missed the opening and have to wait until the next scheduled opening. While the Coast Guard does acknowledge that there may be additional vessels waiting for openings due to this change, it should not have a substantial negative impact on land and maritime traffic as it mirrors the current operating schedule Monday through Friday.

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 protesters.

A. Regulatory Planning and Review

Executive Orders 12866 and 13563 direct agencies to assess the costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, if regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits. Executive Order 13771 directs agencies to control regulatory costs through a budgeting process. This rule has not been designated a “significant regulatory action,” under Executive Order 12866. Accordingly, it has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and pursuant to OMB guidance it is exempt from the requirements of Executive Order 13771.

This regulatory action determination is based on the continued ability for vessels to transit the bridge during the twice-an-hour opening schedule. Vessels in distress, Public vessels of the United States and tugs with tows must be passed at any time.

B. Impact on Small Entities

The Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 (RFA), 5 U.S.C. 601–612, as amended, requires federal agencies to consider the potential impact of regulations on small entities during rulemaking. The term “small entities” comprises small businesses, not-for-profit organizations that are independently owned and operated and are not dominant in their fields, and governmental jurisdictions with populations of less than 50,000. The Coast Guard received no comments from the Small Business Administration on this rule. The Coast Guard certifies under 5 U.S.C. 605(b) that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

While some owners or operators of vessels intending to transit the bridge may be small entities, for the reasons stated in section V.A above, this rule will not have a significant economic impact on any vessel owner or operator.

Under section 213(a) of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104–121), we want to assist small entities in understanding this rule. If the rule would affect your small business, organization, or governmental jurisdiction and you have questions

concerning its provisions or options for compliance, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, above.

Small businesses may send comments on the actions of Federal employees who enforce, or otherwise determine compliance with, Federal regulations to the Small Business and Agriculture Regulatory Enforcement Ombudsman and the Regional Small Business Regulatory Fairness Boards. The Ombudsman evaluates these actions annually and rates each agency’s responsiveness to small business. If you wish to comment on actions by employees of the Coast Guard, call 1–888–REG–FAIR (1–888–734–3247). The Coast Guard will not retaliate against small entities that question or complain about this rule or any policy or action of the Coast Guard.

C. Collection of Information

This rule calls for no new collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520).

D. Federalism and Indian Tribal Government

A rule has implications for federalism under Executive Order 13132, Federalism, if it has a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. We have analyzed this rule under that Order and have determined that it is consistent with the fundamental federalism principles and preemption requirements described in Executive Order 13132.

Also, this rule does not have tribal implications under Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments, because it does not have a substantial direct effect on one or more Indian tribes, on the relationship between the Federal Government and Indian tribes, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities between the Federal Government and Indian tribes.

E. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531–1538) requires Federal agencies to assess the effects of their discretionary regulatory actions. In particular, the Act addresses actions that may result in the expenditure by a State, local, or tribal government, in the aggregate, or by the private sector of \$100,000,000 (adjusted for inflation) or more in any one year. Though this rule will not result in such an expenditure,

we do discuss the effects of this rule elsewhere in this preamble.

F. Environment

We have analyzed this rule under Department of Homeland Security Management Directive 023-01 and Commandant Instruction M16475.ID, which guides the Coast Guard in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321-4370f), and have made a determination that this action is one of a category of actions which do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. This rule simply promulgates the operating regulations or procedures for drawbridges. This action is categorically excluded from further review, under figure 2-1, paragraph (32)(e), of the Instruction.

A Record of Environmental Consideration and a Memorandum for the Record are not required for this rule.

G. Protest Activities

The Coast Guard respects the First Amendment rights of protesters. Protesters are asked to contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section to coordinate protest activities so that your message can be received without jeopardizing the safety or security of people, places or vessels.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 117

Bridges.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard amends 33 CFR part 117 as follows:

PART 117—DRAWBRIDGE OPERATION REGULATIONS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 117 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 499; 33 CFR 1.05-1; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170.1.

■ 2. Amend § 117.261 by revising paragraph (nn) to read as follows:

§ 117.261 Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway from St. Marys River to Key Largo.

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(nn) The Venetian Causeway Bridge (West), mile 1088.6, at Miami. The draw shall open on signal, except that from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily, including Federal holidays, the draw need only open on the hour and half hour.

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■ 3. Revise § 117.269 to read as follows:

§ 117.269 Biscayne Bay.

The Venetian Causeway Bridge (East), across Miami Beach Channel. The draw shall open on signal, except that from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily, including Federal holidays, the draw need only open on the hour and half hour.

Dated: February 8, 2018.

Peter J. Brown,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander, Seventh Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[Docket Number USCG-2018-0205]

RIN 1625-AA00

Safety Zone; Barge PFE-LB444, San Joaquin River, Blackslough Landing, CA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary safety zone for navigable waters of the San Joaquin River due to an unstable, partially submerged barge with hull number PFE-LB444. The temporary safety zone is needed to protect personnel, vessels, and the marine environment from potential hazards created by the barge and associated recovery efforts. Entry of vessels or persons into this zone is prohibited unless specifically authorized by the Captain of the Port San Francisco.

DATES: This rule is effective without actual notice from April 17, 2018 until April 30, 2018. For the purposes of enforcement, actual notice will be used from March 30, 2018 until April 17, 2018.

ADDRESSES: To view documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, type USCG-2018-0205 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 Lieutenant Junior Grade Emily K. Rowan, U.S. Coast Guard Sector San Francisco; telephone 415-399-7443, email emily.k.rowan@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Table of Abbreviations

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NPRM Notice of proposed rulemaking
§ Section
U.S.C. United States Code

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 of the emergent nature of the situation. Delaying the effective date of this rule would be impracticable because immediate action is needed to protect personnel, vessels, and the marine environment from potential hazards associated with the barge and associated recovery efforts.

Under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for making this rule effective less than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register**. A barge with hull number PFE-LB444 broke free from its mooring near Blackslough Landing and sank in the navigable channel. This vessel has since been temporarily secured to shore. The barge remains in an unstable condition and continues to shift in orientation and aspect. A safety zone is needed to protect personnel, vessels, and the marine environment from potential hazards associated with the barge and associated recovery efforts.

III. Legal Authority and Need for Rule

The Coast Guard is issuing this rule under authority in 33 U.S.C. 1231; 50 U.S.C. 191; 33 CFR 1.05-1, 6.04-1, 6.04-6, 160.5; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170.1, which collectively authorize the Coast Guard to establish safety zones. The Captain of the Port San Francisco (COTP) has determined that potential hazards associated with the barge and associated recovery efforts starting March 30, 2018, will be a safety concern for anyone within a 90-yard radius of the barge. This rule is needed to protect personnel, vessels, and the marine environment in the navigable waters within the safety zone.