PART 881—[REMOVED]

Accordingly, by the authority of 5 U.S.C. 301, 32 CFR part 881 is removed.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 100

[Docket No. USCG–2019–0150]

Special Local Regulation; Kailua Bay, Ironman World Championship, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of enforcement of regulation.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard will enforce a special local regulation for the Ironman Ho‘ala practice swim and Ironman World Championship Triathlon on October 6 and October 12, 2019, to provide for the safety of life on navigable waters during this event. Our regulation for marine events within the Fourteenth Coast Guard District identifies the regulated area for this event on certain waters of Kailua Bay, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii. During the enforcement periods, the operator of any vessel in the regulated area must comply with directions from the Patrol Commander or any Official Patrol vessel in the regulated area is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Honolulu or their on-scene representative.

DATES: The regulations in 33 CFR 100.1402 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 the enforcement of this special local regulation via Broadcast Notice to Mariners. The Captain of the Port Honolulu or their on-scene representative may be contacted via VHF Channel 16.


A.B. Avanni,
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port Honolulu.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 100

[Docket Number USCG–2019–0150]

RIN 1625–AA08

Special Local Regulation; Kailua Bay, Ironman World Championship, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing a recurring special local regulation for certain waters of Kailua Bay, Hawaii. This action is necessary to provide for the safety of life on these navigable waters located at Kailua-Kona, HI, during the swim portion of the Ironman World Championship Triathlon and practice swim held on consecutive weekends annually in October. On both days, the swim events are held from 3:45 a.m. to 11 a.m. This rulemaking prohibits persons and vessels from being in the regulated area each day of the event unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Honolulu.

DATES: This rule is effective September 30, 2019.

ADDRESSES: To view documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to https://www.regulations.gov, type USCG–2019–0150 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 Chief Jason Olney, Waterways Management Division, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Honolulu; telephone (808) 522–8265, email jason.r.olney@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Table of Abbreviations

CFR Code of Federal Regulations
DHS Department of Homeland Security
FR Federal Register
NPRM Notice of proposed rulemaking
§ Section
SLR Special Local Regulation

II. Background Information and Regulatory History

On April 18, 2019, the Coast Guard published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in the Federal Register (84 FR 16223) entitled “Special Local Regulation; Kailua Bay, Ironman World Championship, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii.” In the NPRM we stated why we issued the NPRM, and invited comments on our proposed regulatory action related to this swim event. During the comment period that ended May 18, 2019, we received four comments.

This annual event consists of a practice swim and then a race swim held on two consecutive weekends in October. This event is a world famous triathlon with participants coming from around the world to compete. The event occurs within the ocean waters of Kailua Bay, HI. Each swim event consists of 2,500 participants swimming a 2.4 mile (4,224 yard) marked race course located in navigable shallow ocean waters. Because of increased spectator pleasure craft drawn to support and view the Ironman swim event, spectator vessel traffic poses a significant safety hazard due to the limited maneuverability of swim participants and vessels navigating in close proximity to the designated area.

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. Due to the comments received during the comment period, the Coast Guard is unable to publish this final rule in time to meet the 30 day
requirement. Delaying the effective date would be contrary to the rule’s objectives of protecting safety of life on the navigable waters in the vicinity of the large swim event.

III. Legal Authority and Need for Rule

The COTP Honolulu is establishing a recurring special local regulation to be enforced from 3:45 a.m. to 11 a.m., on consecutive weekends in October annually. For both the race itself and the practice swim event, six hours are required for all participants to complete the swim course. The regulated area would cover all navigable waters of Kailua Bay within 100 yards adjacent to the 2.4 mile (4,224 yards) swim course, starting at the shoreline northeast of Kailua Pier at 19°38.341’ N, 155°59.782’ W; thence southeast to 19°37.416’ N, 155°59.444’ W; thence southwest to 19°37.397’ N, 155°59.500’ W; thence northwest to 19°38.150’ N, 155°59.760’ W, thence north and back to Kailua Pier at 19°38.398’ N, 155°59.816’ W, and returning along the pier to the originating point on the shoreline at to 19°38.341’ N, 155°59.782’ W. The statutory basis for this rulemaking is 46 U.S.C. 70041, which gives the coast Guard, under a delegation from the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security regulatory authority to enforce the Ports and Waterways Safety Act.

The COTP has determined that potential safety hazards exist necessitating the movement restriction of all vessels and persons, including event participants, in the regulated area. The purpose of this rule is to ensure safety of vessels and navigable waters in the special local regulation before, during, and after the event.

IV. Discussion of Comments, Changes, and the Rule

As noted above, we received four comments on our NPRM published April 18, 2019.

The Coast Guard received three comments in support of the proposed rule, noting that additional Federal safety and security measures not only provides another layer of protection to swimmers in the water but promotes safety to all mariners in the race vicinity.

The Coast Guard received one comment regarding an adjustment to the proposed start time in the NPRM of 5:00 a.m. for both race days in October, noting that during past races, participants would encounter unfavorable swim conditions. The comment suggested moving the 5:00 a.m. start time to 3:45 a.m., to allow waters to calm and adjust race times if necessary. Additionally, the Coast Guard would have ample time to ensure the race course is clear of vessels and other non-participants.

We agree, and the final rule includes language stating the start time for both races in October.

The Coast Guard received one notification from event sponsor that race days are subject to change from Saturdays to Sundays depending on Cruise ship operations. Cruise Ship Operations occurring in the Kailua-Kona Security Zone. 33 CFR 165.30 prohibit persons or vessels from entering without express permission of the Captain of the Port Honolulu.

We agree, and the proposed final rule includes a change in language from “consecutive Saturdays” to “consecutive weekends” to accommodate race day changes.

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 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, this rule 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 size, location, duration, event history, time of day, and time of year of the regulated area which would impact a small designated area of Kailua Bay. Vessel traffic will be able to safely transit around the event. Moreover, the Coast Guard will issue a Broadcast Notice to Mariners via VHF-FM marine channel 16 about the regulation and will promulgate a Notice of Enforcement and issue a Local Notice to Mariners each year. Finally, the rule would allow vessels to seek permission to enter the regulated area, transit around the race area, and vessel traffic would be able to safely transit the regulated area once the COTP of Honolulu’s PATCOM deems it safe to do so.

B. Impact on Small Entities

The Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980, 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 rulemaking. 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 safety zone 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 call or email the person listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section.

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 will not call for a new collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520).

D. Federalism and Indian Tribal Governments

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. If you believe this rule has implications for federalism or Indian tribes, please call or email the person listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section.

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 Directive 023–01 and Environmental Planning COMDTINST 5090.1 (series), which guide the Coast Guard in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321–4370), and have determined that this action is one of a category of actions that do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. This rule involves implementation of regulations within 33 CFR 100 applicable to organized marine events on the navigable waters of the United States that could negatively impact the safety of waterway users. It is categorically excluded from further review under paragraph L61 in Table 3–1 of U.S. Coast Guard Environmental Planning Implementing Procedures. A Record of Environmental Consideration supporting this determination is available in the docket where indicated under ADDRESSES.

G. Protest Activities

The Coast Guard respects the First Amendment rights of protesters. Protesters are asked to call or email 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 100

Marine safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Waterways.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard amends 33 CFR part 100 as follows:

PART 100—SAFETY OF LIFE ON NAVIGABLE WATERS

§ 100.1402 Special Local Regulation; Kailua Bay, Ironman World Championship, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii.

(a) Definitions. As used in this section:

Buffer area is a neutral 100-yard area that surrounds the perimeter of the course area’s navigable waters as described by this section. The purpose of a buffer area is to minimize potential collision conflicts with marine event participants and spectator vessels or nearby transiting vessels. This area provides separation between a course area and spectator viewing areas.

Course area is an area described by a line bound by coordinates provided in latitude and longitude that outlines the boundary of the event swim area within the overall regulated area defined by this section.

COTP Honolulu means the Commander, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Honolulu or any Coast Guard commissioned, warrant or petty officer who has been authorized by the COTP to act on his behalf.

Enforcement vessels are designated vessels authorized by the COTP Honolulu, the event PATCOM, or COTP Honolulu’s designated representatives to support the safety and security of the marine event.

Official Patrol means any vessel assigned or approved by Commander, Coast Guard Sector Honolulu with a commissioned, warrant, or petty officer on board.

Participant means any persons registered with the event sponsor as participating in the Ironman Triathlon or practice swim.

Regulated area is the combined course area and buffer area.

Spectators are all persons and vessels not registered with the sponsor as participants, support vessels, or enforcement vessels.

(b) Location. All coordinates reference Datum NAD 1983.

(1) Regulated area. All navigable waters within Kailua Bay and encompasses the course area and surrounding 100-yard buffer area. This course area and 100-yard buffer area extends from the surface of the water to the ocean floor.

(2) Course area. The 2.24 mile (4,224 yards) swim course is a temporary marked swim course within the regulated area located in Kailua Bay.

(3) Buffer area. All navigable waters 100 yards outside of the perimeter of the course area, described in paragraph (c)(4) of this section.

(c) Special local regulations. (1) The COTP Honolulu or PATCOM may forbid and control the movement of all vessels and persons, including event participants, in the regulated area. When hailed or signaled by an official patrol, a vessel or person in the regulated area shall immediately comply with the directions given by the patrol. Failure to do so may result in the Coast Guard expelling the person or vessel from the area, issuing a citation for failure to comply, or both. The COTP Honolulu or PATCOM may terminate the event at any time the COTP Honolulu or PATCOM believes it necessary to do so for the protection of life.

(2) Except for participants and safety support vessels, a person or vessel within the regulated area at the start of enforcement of this section must immediately depart the regulated area.

(3) Support and enforcement vessels consist of any local law enforcement and sponsor provided vessels assigned or approved by the COTP Honolulu, the event PATCOM, or COTP Honolulu designated representatives, to patrol the regulated area.

(4) The regulated area consists of all navigable waters starting at the shoreline northeast of Kailua Pier at 19°38.341′N, 155°59.782′W; thence southeast to 19°37.416′N, 155°59.444′W; thence southwest to 19°37.397′N, 155°59.500′W; thence northwest to 19°38.150′N, 155°59.760′W, thence north and back to Kailua Pier at
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
Coast Guard
33 CFR Part 165
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Safety Zone; Grand Haven Fireworks, Lake Michigan, Grand Haven, MI
AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.
ACTION: Temporary final rule.
SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary safety zone for
navigable waters of Lake Michigan and the Grand River in Grand Haven, MI.
The safety zone is needed to protect personnel, vessels, and the marine
environment from potential hazards created by a fireworks display.
Enforcement period. The marine event and special local regulation in this
section will be enforced from 3:45 a.m. to 11 a.m. on the first two weekends in
October annually. The Coast Guard will publish a notice in the Fourteenth Coast
Guard District Local Notice to Mariners, a Notice of the Enforcement in the
Federal Register, and issue a marine information broadcast on VHF–FM marine
channel 16 (156.8 Mhz) to seek permission to transit or remain in the area.
If permission is granted, all persons and vessels must comply with the
instructions of the COTP Honolulu, the event PATCOM, or the COTP’s
designated representative and proceed at the minimum speed necessary to
maintain a safe course while in the area.
(d) Enforcement officials. The Coast
Guard may be assisted with event patrol
and enforcement of the regulated area
by other Federal, State, and local
agencies.
(e) Enforcement period. The marine
event and special local regulation in this
section will be enforced from 3:45 a.m.
to 11 a.m. on the first two weekends in
October annually. The Coast Guard will
publish a notice in the Fourteenth Coast
Guard District Local Notice to Mariners, a
Notice of the Enforcement in the
Federal Register, and issue a marine
information broadcast on VHF–FM marine
channel 16 announcing specific event date and
times.
Dated: September 18, 2019.
A.B. Avanni,
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the
Port Honolulu.
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good cause exists for not publishing a
notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM)
with respect to this rule because the
COTP received notice of the fireworks
display on September 4, 2019 and final
details on September 12, 2019. Delaying
the effective date of this rule to wait for
a comment period to run would be
impracticable and contrary to the public
interest by inhibiting the Coast Guard’s
ability to protect the public, mariners,
spectators, and vessels on September 30,
2019.
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. For the reasons discussed in
the preceding paragraph, delaying the
effective date of this rule would be
impracticable because immediate action
is needed to respond to the potential
safety hazards associated with a
fireworks display scheduled for
September 30, 2019, with a backup date
established for October 1, 2019.
III. Legal Authority and Need for Rule
The Coast Guard is issuing this rule
under authority of 46 U.S.C. 70034
(previously 33 U.S.C. 1231). The COTP
determined that potential hazards
associated with a fireworks display
scheduled for September 30, 2019, with
a backup date established for October 1,
2019, will be a safety concern for
anyone within a 300 foot radius of the
fireworks launch site that is in close
proximity to Lake Michigan and the
Grand River in Grand Haven, MI. This
rule is needed to protect personnel,
vessels, and the marine environment in
the navigable waters within the safety
zone immediately before, during, and
following the fireworks display.
IV. Discussion of the Rule
This rule establishes a safety zone that
will be enforced from 7:30 p.m. through
9:30 p.m. on September 30, 2019, with
a rain date of 7:30 p.m. through 9:30
p.m. on October 1, 2019. The safety
zone will cover all navigable waters of
Lake Michigan and the Grand River
within 300 feet of the fireworks launch
site at coordinates 43°03.240’ N, 086°15.360’ W.
The duration of the zone is intended
to protect personnel, vessels, and the
marine environment in these navigable
waters from falling embers and
fireworks debris associated with the
fireworks display. Entry into, transiting,
or anchoring within the safety zone is
prohibited unless specifically authorized by
the COTP or a designated on-scene
representative. The Coast Guard or a
designated on-scene representative may be
contacted via VHF Channel 16.