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To the extent that internal Air Force procedures concerning military records are necessary, it will continue to be published in Air Force Instruction 36-2608, "Military Personnel Records System," which was updated on October 26, 2015, and is available at http://static.e-publishing.af.mil/production/1/af_a1/publication/afi36-2608/afi36-2608.pdf.

This rule is not significant under Executive Order (E.O.) 12866, "Regulatory Planning and Review." Therefore, E.O. 13771, "Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs," does not apply.

List of Subjects in 32 CFR Part 887

Archives and records, Military personnel.

PART 887—[REMOVED]

■ Accordingly, by the authority of 5 U.S.C. 301, 32 CFR part 887 is removed.

Adriane Paris,

Acting Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 100

[Docket No. USCG-2019-0584]

Special Local Regulation; Clearwater Super Boat National Championship, Gulf of Mexico; Clearwater Beach, FL

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of enforcement of regulation.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard will enforce special local regulations for the Clearwater Super Boat National Championship on September 29, 2019, to provide for the safety of life on navigable waterways during this event. Our regulation for Clearwater Super Boat National Championship identifies the regulated area for this event in Clearwater Beach, FL. During the enforcement period, no persons or vessels will be permitted in the Race Area without permission of the Captain of the Port St. Petersburg (COTP), unless they are authorized race participants. If permission is granted by the COTP, all persons and vessels receiving such permission must comply with the instructions of the COTP or a designated representative. Also during the enforcement period all vessels in the Spectator Area are to be anchored or operating at a "no wake speed".

DATES: The regulations in 33 CFR 100.721 will be enforced from 11:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. on September 29, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about this notice of enforcement, call or email Marine Science Technician First Class Michael Shackelford, Sector St. Petersburg Prevention Department, U.S. Coast Guard; telephone (813) 228-2191, email Michael.D.Shackelford@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Coast Guard will enforce special local regulations in 33 CFR 100.721 for the Clearwater Super Boat National Championship regulated area from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on September 29, 2019. This action is being taken to provide for the safety of life on navigable waterways during this event. Our regulation for the Clearwater Super Boat National Championship, § 100.721, specifies the location of the regulated area for the event which encompasses portions of the Gulf of Mexico. During the enforcement period only authorized race participants will be permitted to enter, transit through, anchor in, or remain in the Race Area. If you are an authorized operator of a vessel in the Race Area you must comply with the instructions of the Captain of the Port or a designated representative. On-scene designated representatives will direct spectator vessels to the Spectator Area and are to be anchored or operating at a "no wake speed" during the enforcement period. Persons or vessels wishing to obtain authorization to enter or remain within the regulated areas may contact the COTP by telephone at (727) 824-7506 or a designated representative via VHF radio on channel 16.

In addition to this notice of enforcement in the **Federal Register**, the Coast Guard plans to provide notification of this enforcement period via Broadcast Notice to Mariners.

Dated: September 16, 2019.

Matthew A. Thompson,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port St. Petersburg.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[USCG-2019-0818]

RIN 1625-AA00

Safety Zone; San Jacinto River, Channelview, TX

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Temporary final rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary safety zone for navigable waters of the San Jacinto River from the southern end of Southwest Shipyard, extending north of the I-10 bridge, just abreast of Buoy #14. The safety zone is needed to protect personnel, vessels, and the marine environment from potential hazards created by salvage and over-water bridge repairs. Entry of vessels or persons into this zone is prohibited unless specifically authorized by the Captain of the Port Houston-Galveston.

DATES: This rule is effective without actual notice from October 1, 2019 through December 24, 2019. For the purposes of enforcement, actual notice will be used from September 25, 2019, through October 1, 2019. Comments and related material must be received before October 31, 2019.

ADDRESSES: To view documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to <https://www.regulations.gov>, type USCG-2019-0818 in the "SEARCH" box and click "SEARCH." Click on Open Docket Folder on the line associated with this rule. You may submit comments identified by docket number USCG-2019-0818 using the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. See the "Public Participation and Request for Comment" portion of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for further instructions on submitting comments. To view documents mentioned in this

preamble as being available in the docket, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, type USCG–2019–0818 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 LCDR Sarah Rousseau, Sector Houston-Galveston Waterways Management Division, U.S. Coast Guard; telephone 281–464–4736, email Sarah.K.Rousseau@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
 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 it is impracticable and contrary to the public interest. We must establish this safety zone immediately in order to ensure the safety of the public and lack sufficient time to provide a reasonable comment period and then consider those comments before issuing the rule.

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**. Delaying the effective date of this rule would be impracticable and contrary to the public interest because immediate action is needed to respond to the potential safety hazards associated with salvage and over-water bridge repairs of the I–10 bridge.

III. Legal Authority and Need for Rule

The Coast Guard is issuing this rule under authority in 46 U.S.C. 70034 (previously 33 U.S.C. 1231). The Captain of the Port Houston-Galveston (COTP) has determined that potential hazards associated with salvage and over-water bridge repairs that began on

September 19, 2019, are a safety concern for vessel traffic transiting the navigable waterway of the San Jacinto River from the southern end of Southwest Shipyard, extending north of the I–10 bridge, just abreast of Buoy #14. This rule is needed to protect personnel, vessels, and the marine environment in the navigable waters within the safety zone from potential hazardous from salvage and over-water bridge repairs.

IV. Discussion of the Rule

This rule establishes a safety zone from September 25, 2019, through December 24, 2019. The safety zone will cover the navigable waters of the San Jacinto River from the southern end of Southwest Shipyard, extending north of the I–10 bridge, just abreast of Buoy #14. The duration of the zone is intended to protect personnel, vessels, and the marine environment in the navigable waters within the safety zone from potential hazardous from salvage and over-water bridge repairs. No vessel or person will be permitted to enter the safety zone without obtaining permission from the COTP or a designated representative.

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, and time-of-day of the safety zone. This rule will impact a small designated area of the San Jacinto River in order to support salvage and over-water bridge repairs from September 25, 2019 through December 24, 2019. Moreover, the Coast Guard would issue a Broadcast Notice to Mariners via VHF–FM marine channels 13 and 16 about

the zone, and the rule would allow vessels to seek permission to enter the zone.

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 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 above.

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. 4321–4370f), 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 a safety zone that will prohibit entry to the navigable waters of the San Jacinto River from the southern end of Southwest Shipyard, extending north of the I–10 bridge, just abreast of Buoy #14, without prior approval from Coast Guard Sector Houston-Galveston COTP. It is categorically excluded from further review under paragraph L60(a) 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 165

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

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard amends 33 CFR part 165 as follows:

PART 165—REGULATED NAVIGATION AREAS AND LIMITED ACCESS AREAS

- 1. The authority citation for part 165 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 46 U.S.C. 70034, 70051; 33 CFR 1.05–1, 6.04–1, 6.04–6, and 160.5; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170.1.

- 2. Add § 165.T08–0818 to read as follows:

§ 165.T08–0818 Safety Zone; San Jacinto River, Channelview, TX.

(a) *Location.* The following area is a safety zone: The navigable waters of the San Jacinto River from the southern end of Southwest Shipyard, extending north of the I–10 bridge, just abreast of Buoy #14, in Channelview, TX in approximate location 29°47'33.5" N, 095°03'41.2" W.

(b) *Enforcement period.* This section will be enforced from September 25, 2019, through December 24, 2019, or until all hazardous conditions associated with salvage and over-water bridge repairs have been mitigated.

(c) *Regulations.* (1) Transit of the safety zone is open to limited traffic with the following restrictions:

- (i) Only light boats and single barge tows may transit.
- (ii) Transit only during daylight hours (sunrise to sunset).
- (iii) There shall be no meeting or overtaking.
- (iv) All vessels must check in and out with Vessel Traffic Service Houston/Galveston at least 15 minutes prior to entering the safety zone.

(2) Persons and vessels desiring to enter the safety zone must request permission from the COTP or a designated representative. They may be contacted through Vessel Traffic Service

(VTS) on channels 13 or 16 VHF–FM, or by telephone at (281) 464–4837.

(3) Permission to transit through the bridge will be based on weather, tide and current conditions, vessel size, horsepower, and availability of assist vessels. All persons and vessels permitted to enter this temporary safety zone shall comply with the lawful orders or directions given to them by COTP or a designated representative.

(4) Intentional or unintentional contact with any part of the bridge or associated structure, including fendering systems, support columns, spans or any other portion of the bridge, is strictly prohibited. Report any contact with the bridge or associated structures immediately to VTS Houston/Galveston on channels 13 or 16 VHF–FM or by telephone at (281) 464–4837.

(d) *Informational broadcasts.* The Coast Guard will inform the public through public of the effective period of this safety zone through VTS Advisories, Broadcast Notices to Mariners (BNMs), Local Notice to Mariners (LNMs), and/or Marine Safety Information Bulletins (MSIBs) as appropriate.

Dated: September 25, 2019.

Richard E. Howes,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Acting Captain of the Port Sector Houston-Galveston.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

37 CFR Parts 1 and 42

[Docket No.: PTO–P–2017–0034]

RIN 0651–AD25

Eliminating Unnecessary Regulations

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO or Office) hereby amends the Rules of Practice in Patent Cases and Trial Practice Before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) by removing provisions in the Code of Federal Regulations that are no longer necessary. This final rule removes the rules governing reservation clauses, petitions from the refusal of a primary examiner to admit an amendment, the publication of amendments to the regulations, and limits that the Director can impose on the number of *inter partes* reviews and