

bridge owner, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), to conduct required maintenance of the drawspan. This deviation allows for a 4-hour notice for openings during nighttime.

DATES: This deviation is effective between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m., from October 22, 2007 through December 19, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Materials referred to in this document are available for inspection or copying at Commander (dpw), Eleventh Coast Guard District, Building 50-2, Coast Guard Island, Alameda, CA 94501-5100, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is (510) 437-3516. The Eleventh Coast Guard District maintains the public docket for this temporary deviation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David H. Sulouff, Chief, Bridge Section, Eleventh Coast Guard District, telephone (510) 437-3516.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Caltrans requested a temporary change to the operation of the Rio Vista Drawbridge, mile 12.8, Sacramento River, at Rio Vista, CA. The Rio Vista Drawbridge navigation span provides a vertical clearance of 17 feet above Mean High Water in the closed-to-navigation position. The draw opens on signal as required by 33 CFR 117.5. Navigation on the waterway consists of both commercial and recreational vessels.

The 4-hour notice for openings during the maintenance period, between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m., from October 22, 2007 through December 19, 2007, will allow Caltrans to clear the drawspan of maintenance equipment so as not to delay approaching vessels. This temporary deviation has been coordinated with all affected waterway users. No objections to the proposed temporary deviation were raised.

Vessels that can transit the bridge, while in the closed-to-navigation position, may continue to do so at any time.

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: October 19, 2007.

J.E. Long,

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

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Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Rigolets Pass, Mile 6.2, Between Orleans and St. Tammany Parishes, LA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District, has issued a temporary deviation from the regulation governing the operation of the U.S. 90 Swing Bridge across Rigolets Pass, mile 6.2, between Orleans and St. Tammany Parishes, Louisiana. This deviation will allow the draw of the U.S. 90 Swing Bridge to remain in the closed to navigation position until January 15, 2007.

DATES: This deviation is effective from October 16, 2007 until January 15, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Materials referred to in this document are available for inspection or copying at Eighth Coast Guard District, Bridge Administration Branch, Hale Boggs Federal Building, Room 1313, 500 Poydras Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70130-3310, between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is (504) 671-2128. The Eighth Coast Guard District, Bridge Administration Branch, maintains the public docket for this temporary deviation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bart Marcules, Bridge Administration Branch, telephone (504) 671-2128.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. 90 Swing Bridge located on Rigolets Pass at mile 6.2 between Orleans and St. Tammany Parishes, Louisiana has a vertical clearance of 9 feet above mean high water, elevation 2.0 feet Mean Sea Level (MSL) in the closed position and unlimited in the open position. The U.S. 90 Swing Bridge opens on signal as required by 33 CFR 117.5, and this operating schedule has been in effect since 1927.

Due to the fact that a replacement bridge is in the final stages of construction and will be open to traffic shortly the significant costs and time to repair the U.S. 90 Swing Bridge is prohibitive. The repairs will take several months to complete and the new bridge will be open to traffic in three months. The cost of repair is estimated at

\$250,000 to \$500,000 which is an excessive burden on the taxpayers for one month's use of the U.S. 90 Swing Bridge before it is taken out of service. Thus, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development has requested that a Temporary Deviation be granted until the new bridge is open for traffic.

The deviation period will be from October 16, 2007 until January 15, 2007, and the U.S. 90 Swing Bridge will be allowed to stay in the closed to navigation position. Small boats can still transit under the U.S. 90 Swing Bridge in the closed to navigation position. This bridge will not be able to open for emergencies.

Since mariners can use the Chef Menteur Pass to access the Gulf of Mexico from Lake Pontchartrain with minimal difference in transit time there are no expected impacts.

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: October 16, 2007.

David M. Frank,

Bridge Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

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Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Kennebec River, Bath and Woolwich, ME

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Commander, First Coast Guard District, has issued a temporary deviation from the regulation governing the operation of the Carlton Bridge across the Kennebec River at mile 14.0, between Bath and Woolwich, Maine. Under this temporary deviation the Carlton Bridge may remain in the closed position to facilitate bridge painting operations from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on November 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27, and December 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, and 18, 2007. Vessels that can pass under the draw without a bridge opening may do so at all times. This deviation is necessary to facilitate bridge painting.