

Technical Standards

The National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act (NTTAA) (15 U.S.C. 272 note) directs agencies to use voluntary consensus standards in their regulatory activities unless the agency provides Congress, through the Office of Management and Budget, with an explanation of why using these standards would be inconsistent with applicable law or otherwise impractical. Voluntary consensus standards are technical standards (e.g., specifications of materials, performance, design, or operation; test methods; sampling procedures; and related management systems practices) that are developed or adopted by voluntary consensus standards bodies.

This rule does not use technical standards. Therefore, we did not consider the use of voluntary consensus standards.

Environment

We have analyzed this rule under Department of Homeland Security Management Directive 023-01 and Commandant Instruction M16475.1D, which guide the Coast Guard in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321-4370f), and have concluded 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 is categorically excluded, under figure 2-1, paragraph (34)(h), of the Instruction. This rule involves implementation of regulations within 33 CFR part 100 that apply to organized marine events on the navigable waters of the United States that may have potential for negative impact on the safety or other interest of waterway users and shore side activities in the event area. The category of water activities includes but is not limited to sail boat regattas, boat parades, power boat racing, swimming events, crew racing, and sail board racing. Under figure 2-1, paragraph (34)(h), of the Instruction, an environmental analysis checklist and a categorical exclusion determination will be available in the docket where indicated under ADDRESSES.

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

■ 1. The authority citation for part 100 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1233.

■ 2. Add temporary § 100.35T05-0934 to read as follows:

§ 100.35T05-0934 Special Local Regulations; Chesapeake Bay Workboat Race, Poquoson, Virginia.

(a) *Regulated Area.* The regulated area includes all waters of the Back River, Poquoson, Virginia, bounded to the north by a line drawn along latitude 37°06'0" N, bounded to the south by a line drawn along latitude 37°06'15" N, bounded to the east by a line drawn along longitude 076°18'52" W and bounded on the west by a line drawn along longitude 076°19'30" W. All coordinates reference Datum NAD 1983.

(b) *Definitions.* (1) *Coast Guard Patrol Commander* means a commissioned, warrant or petty officer of the Coast Guard who has been designated by the Commander, Coast Guard Sector Hampton Roads.

(2) *Official Patrol* means any vessel assigned or approved by Commander, Coast Guard Sector Hampton Roads with a commissioned, warrant or petty officer on board and displaying a Coast Guard ensign.

(c) *Special Local Regulations.* (1) Except for persons or vessels authorized by the Coast Guard Patrol Commander, no person or vessel may enter or remain in the regulated area.

(2) The operator of any vessel in the regulated area shall:

(i) Stop the vessel immediately when directed to do so by an Official Patrol.

(ii) Proceed as directed by any official patrol.

(d) *Enforcement Period.* This regulation will be enforced from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on October 30, 2011.

Dated: September 29, 2011.

Mark S. Ogle,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port Hampton Roads.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[Docket No. USCG-2011-0901]

Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Neuse River, New Bern, NC

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District, has issued a temporary deviation from the regulations governing the operation of the Neuse River Railroad Bridge, at mile 33.7, over the Neuse River, at New Bern, NC. The deviation restricts the operation of the draw span to facilitate repairs to the main mechanism of the bridge.

DATES: This deviation is effective from 9 a.m. on October 4, 2011, until 6 p.m. October 13, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket USCG-2011-0901 and are available online by going to <http://www.regulations.gov>, inserting USCG-2011-0901 in the "Keyword" box, and then clicking "Search." This material is also available for inspection or copying the Docket Management Facility (M-30), U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this rule, call or e-mail Mr. Bill H. Brazier, Bridge Management Specialist, Fifth Coast Guard District, telephone (757) 398-6422, e-mail Bill.H.Brazier@uscg.mil. If you have questions on reviewing the docket, call Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, (202) 366-9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Norfolk and Southern Railroad Corporation, who owns and operates this swing bascule bridge, has requested a temporary deviation from the current operating regulations set out in 33 CFR 117.824, to facilitate repairs to the main mechanism of the drawbridge.

In the closed position to vessels, the Neuse River Railroad Bridge, at mile 33.7, at New Bern, NC has no available vertical clearance.

Under this temporary deviation, the drawbridge will be closed to vessels requiring an opening of the draw span from 9 a.m. on October 4, 2011 until and including 6 p.m. October 6, 2011 and from 9 a.m. on October 11, 2011 until and including 6 p.m. on October 13, 2011. The drawbridge can open in an emergency. There are no alternate routes for vessels transiting this section of the Neuse River.

The majority of the vessels that transit through this bridge during this time of year are generally recreational with intermittent tug and barge traffic. The Coast Guard has carefully coordinated

the restrictions with commercial and recreational waterway users. The Coast Guard will inform all users of the waterway through our Local and Broadcast Notice to Mariners of the closure periods for the bridge so that vessels can arrange their transits to minimize any impacts caused by the temporary deviation.

In accordance with 33 CFR 117.35(e), the draw must return to its original 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: September 26, 2011.

Waverly W. Gregory, Jr.,

Bridge Program Manager, By direction of the Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[Docket No. USCG-2011-0880]

Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Duwamish West Waterway, Seattle, WA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Commander, Thirteenth Coast Guard District, has issued a temporary deviation from the regulation governing the operation of the Spokane Street Swing Bridge across the Duwamish West Waterway, mile 0.3, at Seattle, WA. This deviation mitigates the displacement of approximately 110,000 vehicles that may be affected by the Alaska Way Viaduct Tunnel construction, a major infrastructure improvement project. This temporary deviation benefits public health and safety by permitting more vehicle access across the bridge during peak hours. This deviation allows the bridge to remain closed to waterway traffic during weekday afternoon peak traffic times for a five day period.

DATES: This deviation is effective from 3 p.m. October 24, 2011 through 6 p.m. on October 28, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket are part of docket USCG-2011-0880 and are available online by going to <http://www.regulations.gov>, inserting USCG-2011-0880 in the "Keyword" box and then clicking "Search". They are also available for inspection or

copying at the Docket Management Facility (M-30), U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this rule, call or e-mail the Bridge Administrator, Coast Guard Thirteenth District; telephone 206-220-7282; e-mail randall.d.overton@uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing the docket, call Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202-366-9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Seattle Department of Transportation has requested that the Spokane Street Swing Bridge not open for waterway traffic, with the exception of deep draft vessels, during afternoon peak traffic hours for a five day period. The Spokane Street Swing Bridge crosses the Duwamish West Waterway at mile 0.3. Extremely heavy roadway traffic is anticipated on the low-level Spokane Street Swing Bridge during scheduled major transportation infrastructure improvements. During this construction activity traffic will be diverted to the low-level Spokane Street Swing Bridge from adjoining roadways. In the closed position, the Spokane Street Swing Bridge provides approximately 44 feet of vertical clearance. Waterborne traffic on this stretch of the Duwamish waterway consists of vessels ranging from small pleasure craft to commercial tug and tow. During the entire month of October last year between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. the Spokane Street Swing Bridge opened a total of ten times; four of the openings for sailboats and six of the openings for commercial waterway traffic. Under normal operation the bridge opens on signal as required by 33 CFR 117.5. The deviation period is from 3 p.m. October 24 through 6 p.m. October 28, 2011. From October 24, 2011 through and including October 28, 2011, the Spokane Street Swing Bridge across the Duwamish West Waterway, mile 0.3, need not open for waterway traffic from 3 p.m. through 6 p.m. daily. Vessels that do not require a bridge opening will be allowed to pass under the bridge during the closure period. During this authorized closure period the bridge will be required to open for deep draft vessels provided 72 hours advance notification is given. Also during this deviation the bridge will be required to open for federal, state, and local government vessels used for public safety and for vessels in distress where a delay would endanger life or property.

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: September 30, 2011.

K.A. Taylor,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[Docket No. USCG-2011-0893]

Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Corson Inlet, Strathmere, NJ

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Commander Fifth Coast Guard District has issued a temporary deviation from the regulations governing the operation of the Corson Inlet Bridge (County Route 619), at mile 0.9, across Corson Inlet, in Strathmere, NJ. The deviation is necessary to facilitate the replacement of the steel railing. This deviation restricts operation of the draw span by not allowing openings during the project while the railings on the moveable span portion of the bridge are replaced.

DATES: This deviation is effective from 5 a.m. on October 17, 2011 until 5 p.m. on November 17, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket are part of docket USCG-2011-0893 and are available online by going to <http://www.regulations.gov>, inserting USCG-2011-0893 in the "Keyword" box and then clicking "Search." They are also available for inspection or copying at the Docket Management Facility (M-30), U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this rule, call or e-mail Terrance Knowles, Environmental Protection Specialist, Fifth Coast Guard District; telephone 757-398-6587, e-mail Terrance.A.Knowles@uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing the docket,