

without interfering with its special function as a naval ship: Annex I, paragraph 2(a)(i), pertaining to the height placement of the masthead light above the hull; Annex I, paragraph 2(k), pertaining to the height and relative positions of the anchor lights; Annex I, paragraph 3(b), pertaining to the location of the sidelights; and Rule 21(c), pertaining to the location and arc of visibility of the sternlight. The Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General (Admiralty and Maritime Law) has also certified that the lights involved are located in closest possible compliance with the applicable 72 COLREGS requirements.

Moreover, it has been determined, in accordance with 32 CFR parts 296 and

701, that publication of this amendment for public comment prior to adoption is impracticable, unnecessary, and contrary to public interest since it is based on technical findings that the placement of lights on this vessel in a manner differently from that prescribed herein will adversely affect the vessel's ability to perform its military functions.

List of Subjects in 32 CFR Part 706

Marine safety, Navigation (water), and Vessels.

■ For the reasons set forth in the preamble, amend part 706 of title 32 of the Code of Federal Regulations as follows:

PART 706—CERTIFICATIONS AND EXEMPTIONS UNDER THE INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS FOR PREVENTING COLLISIONS AT SEA, 1972

■ 1. The authority citation for part 706 continues to read:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1605.

■ 2. Table One of § 706.2 is amended by adding, in numerical order, the following entry for USS NORTH CAROLINA:

§ 706.2 Certifications of the Secretary of the Navy under Executive Order 11964 and 33 U.S.C. 1605.

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TABLE ONE

Vessel					Number	Distance in meters of forward masthead light below minimum required height. § 2(a)(i), Annex I
*	*	*	*	*	*	*
USS NORTH CAROLINA					SSN 777	2.90
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■ 3. Table Three of § 706.2 is amended by adding, in numerical order, the

following entry for USS NORTH CAROLINA:

§ 706.2 Certifications of the Secretary of the Navy under Executive Order 11964 and 33 U.S.C. 1605.

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TABLE THREE

Vessel	Number	Masthead lights arc of visibility; rule 21(a)	Side lights arc of visibility; rule 21(b)	Stern light arc of visibility; rule 21(c)	Side lights distance in-board of ship's sides in meters 3(b) annex 1	Stern light, distance forward of stern in meters; rule 21(c)	Forward anchor light, height above hull in meters; 2(K) annex 1	Anchor lights relationship of aft light to forward light in meters 2(K) annex 1
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USS NORTH CAROLINA.	SSN 777	Meets Requirement.	Meets Requirement.	205.6°	4.37	11.05	2.8	0.30 below.
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Approved: October 11, 2007.

Gregg A. Cervi,
Commander, JAGC, U.S. Navy Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General (Admiralty and Maritime Law).

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[CGD08-07-034]

Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Bonfouca Bayou, Slidell, LA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District, has issued a temporary deviation from the regulation governing the operation of the State Route 433 (S433) Bridge across Bonfouca Bayou, mile 7.0, at Slidell, St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana. This deviation will test a change to the drawbridge operation schedule to determine whether a permanent change to the schedule is needed.

DATES: This deviation is effective from November 9, 2007 through May 7, 2008. Comments must be received by January 8, 2008.

ADDRESSES: You may mail comments and related material to Commander (dpb), Eighth Coast Guard District, 500 Poydras Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130-3310. The Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District, Bridge Administration Branch maintains the public docket for this rulemaking. Comments and material received from the public, as well as documents indicated in this preamble as being available in the docket, will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at the Bridge Administration office between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Comments

We encourage you to participate in evaluating this test schedule by submitting comments and related material. If you do so, please include your name and address, identify the docket number for this deviation [CGD08-07-034], indicate the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and give the reason for each comment. Please submit all comments and related material in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying. If you would like to know they reached us, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. We will consider all comments and material received during the comment period. Comments must be received by January 8, 2008.

Background and Purpose

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development has requested that the operating regulation of the S433 swing span bridge, located on Bonfouca Bayou at mile 7.0 in Slidell, St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana, be changed in order to make more efficient use of operating resources, while accommodating the flow of vehicular traffic at rush hour peaks. Currently, the draw of the S433 Bridge operates as follows:

(a) The draw need not open for passage of vessels from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. and from 1:45 p.m. to 2:45 p.m., Monday through Friday except Federal holidays.

(b) The draw need open only on the hour and half-hour from 6 a.m. to 7 a.m.

and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday except Federal holidays.

(c) The draw shall open on signal from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., if at least four hours notice is given to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development Security Service at (504) 375-0100.

(d) At all other times the draw shall open on signal.

This Temporary Deviation from Drawbridge Operating Regulations allows the bridge to operate as follows: The draw of the S433 Bridge, mile 7.0 at Slidell, shall open on signal, except that from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., the draw shall open on signal if at least two hours notice is given. On Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays, the draw need not open for the passage of vessels from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. and from 1:45 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

A notice of proposed rule making [CGD08-07-33] is being issued in conjunction with this temporary deviation to obtain public comments. The Coast Guard will evaluate public comments from this temporary deviation and the above referenced notice of proposed rule making to determine if a permanent special drawbridge operating regulation is warranted.

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 29, 2007.

David M. Frank,

Bridge Administrator, Eighth Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[Docket No. CGD07-07-251]

Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, New Smyrna Beach, Volusia County, FL

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Commander, Seventh Coast Guard District, has issued a temporary deviation from the regulation governing the operation of the George C. Musson/Coronado Beach (SR 44) Bridge across the Atlantic Intracoastal

Waterway, mile 845, at New Smyrna Beach, Volusia County, Florida. This deviation is necessary to expedite repairs to the George C. Musson/Coronado Beach Bridge. This deviation allows the bridge to open on signal, except during daylight hours, during which the bridge will open twice.

DATES: This deviation is effective from November 9, 2007 through 4:50 p.m. on December 21, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Materials referred to in this document are available for inspection or copying at Commander (dpb), Seventh Coast Guard District, 909 S.E. 1st Avenue, Room 432, Miami, Florida 33131 between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is (305) 415-6744. The Seventh Coast Guard District Bridge Administration Branch maintains the public docket for this temporary deviation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Michael Lieberum, Bridge Branch, (305) 415-6744 or e-mail michael.b.lieberum@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: M&J Construction, on behalf of the bridge owner, has requested a deviation to the regulations published in 33 CFR 117.261(h) which states the Coronado Beach Bridge (SR 44), mile 845, shall open on signal, except that from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m., each day of the week, the draw need only open on the hour, twenty minutes past the hour, and forty minutes past the hour.

This deviation is necessary for worker safety and to expedite repairs to the George C. Musson/Coronado Beach (SR 44) Bridge. This deviation will remain in effect from November 9, 2007 through 4:50 p.m. on December 21, 2007.

The George C. Musson/Coronado Beach (SR 44) Bridge will open on signal, except that from 7:35 a.m. to 4:50 p.m. the bridge will only open at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Public vessels of the United States and tugs with tows are requested to provide at least two hours advance notice to the bridge tender to request an opening. Vessels in a situation where a delay would endanger life or property will be allowed to pass at any time, upon signal.

Due to scaffolding, the vertical clearance of this bridge will be reduced by four feet in the closed position throughout the length of this project.

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.