

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY****Coast Guard****33 CFR Part 117****[Docket No. USCG–2016–0187]****Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Newark Bay, Jersey City, NJ****AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.**ACTION:** Notice of deviation from drawbridge regulation.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard has issued a temporary deviation from the operating schedule that governs the Lehigh Valley Drawbridge across the Newark Bay, mile 4.3, at Jersey City, New Jersey. This deviation is necessary to allow the bridge owner to replace rails and ties at the bridge. This deviation allows the bridge to remain closed for 26 hours for two days.

**DATES:** This deviation is effective from 7 a.m. on June 5, 2016 to 7 p.m. on June 13, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** The docket for this deviation, [USCG–2016–0187] is available at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Type the docket number in the “SEARCH” box and click “SEARCH”. Click on Open Docket Folder on the line associated with this deviation.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you have questions on this temporary deviation, call or email Joe M. Arca, Project Officer, First Coast Guard District, telephone (212) 514–4336, email [joe.m.arca@uscg.mil](mailto:joe.m.arca@uscg.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Lehigh Valley Drawbridge across Newark Bay, mile 4.3, at Jersey City, New Jersey, has a vertical clearance in the closed position of 35 feet at mean high water and 39 feet at mean low water. The existing bridge operating regulations are found at 33 CFR 117.5.

The waterway is transited by seasonal recreational vessels and commercial vessels of various sizes.

The bridge owner, Consolidated Rail Corporation (CONRAIL), requested a temporary deviation from the normal operating schedule to facilitate replacement of the rails and ties at the bridge.

Under this temporary deviation, the Lehigh Valley Drawbridge may remain in the closed position for 26 hours, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. on June 5, 2016 and from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on June 6, 2016, and a rain date from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. on

June 12, 2016 and from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on June 13, 2016.

Vessels able to pass under the bridge in the closed position may do so at any time. The bridge will not be able to open for emergencies and there is no immediate alternate route for vessels to pass.

The Coast Guard will inform the users of the waterways through our Local Notice and Broadcast to Mariners of the change in operating schedule for the bridge so that vessel operations can arrange their transits to minimize any impact caused by the temporary deviation.

In accordance with 33 CFR 117.35(e), the drawbridge must return to its regular operating schedule immediately at the end of the effective period of this temporary deviation. This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.

Dated: April 18, 2016.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY****Coast Guard****33 CFR Part 117****[Docket No. USCG–2016–0309]****Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Arthur Kill, Staten Island, New York****AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.**ACTION:** Notice of deviation from drawbridge regulation.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard has issued a temporary deviation from the operating schedule that governs the Arthur Kill (AK) Railroad Bridge across Arthur Kill, mile 11.6, between Staten Island, New York and Elizabeth, New Jersey. This deviation allows the bridge to remain in the closed position to facilitate bridge inspection.

**DATES:** This deviation is effective from 7:28 a.m. on July 16, 2016, to 5:41 p.m. July 24, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** The docket for this deviation [USCG–2016–0309] is available at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Type the docket number in the “SEARCH” box and click “SEARCH”. Click on Open Docket Folder on the line associated with this deviation.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The AK Railroad Bridge, across Arthur Kill, mile 11.6, between Staten Island, New York and Elizabeth, New Jersey has a vertical clearance in the closed position of 31 feet at Mean High Water and 35 feet at Mean Low Water. The existing drawbridge operation regulations are listed at 33 CFR 117.702.

The waterway supports both commercial and recreational navigation of various vessel sizes. The operator of the bridge, Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail), requested a temporary deviation to facilitate scheduled bridge inspection of the movable span of the bridge. The bridge must remain in the closed position to perform this inspection.

Under this temporary deviation, the AK Railroad Bridge may remain in the closed position as follows:

On July 16, 2016 from 7:28 a.m. to 11:31 a.m. and from 1:31 p.m. to 5:48 p.m.

On July 17, 2016 from 8:16 a.m. to 12:17 p.m. and 2:17 p.m. to 6:29 p.m.

On July 23, 2016 from 6:32 a.m. to 10:29 a.m. and from 12:29 p.m. to 4:47 p.m.

On July 24, 2016 from 7:16 a.m. to 11:22 a.m. and from 1:22 p.m. to 5:41 p.m.

Vessels able to pass through the bridge in the closed positions may do so at anytime. There are no alternate routes for vessel traffic. The bridge can be opened in an emergency. The Coast Guard will also inform the users of the waterway through our Local and Broadcast Notices to Mariners of the change in operating schedule for the bridge so that vessels can arrange their transits to minimize any impact caused by the temporary deviation.

In accordance with 33 CFR 117.35(e), the drawbridge must return to its regular operating schedule immediately at the end of the effective period of this temporary deviation. This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.

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