## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

**Coast Guard** 

33 CFR Part 117

[Docket No. USCG-2014-0582]

Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Lake Washington, Seattle, WA

**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 Evergreen Point Floating Bridge (State Route 520) across Lake Washington at Seattle, WA. This deviation is necessary to accommodate the Seafair Air Show practice and event. This deviation allows the bridge to remain in the closed position to help minimize traffic congestion during the event.

**DATES:** This deviation is effective from 9:45 a.m. on July 31, 2014 to 2:40 p.m. August 3, 2014.

ADDRESSES: The docket for this deviation, [USCG-2014-0582] 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. You may also visit the Docket Management Facility in Room W12-140 on the ground floor of the Department of Transportation West Building, 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 temporary deviation, call or email Mr. Steven Fischer, Bridge Administrator, Thirteenth Coast Guard District; telephone 206–220–7282, email Steven.M.Fischer3@uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing the docket, call Cheryl Collins, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202–366–9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Washington State Department of Transportation has requested that the draw span of the Evergreen Point Floating Bridge (State Route 520) remain closed to vessel traffic during the Seafair Airshow practice and event. The Intersate-90 floating bridge will be closed to road traffic during this time, resulting in heavier than normal vehicle traffic on the Evergreen Point Floating Bridge. The Evergreen Point Floating Bridge will remain closed to vessel

traffic to help with vehicular traffic congestion.

The Evergreen Point Floating Bridge provides three navigational openings for vessel passage, the movable floating span, subject to this closure, and two fixed navigational openings; one on the east end of the bridge and one on the west end. The fixed navigational opening on the east end of the bridge provides a horizontal clearance of 150 feet and a vertical clearance of 57 feet. The opening on the west end of the bridge provides a horizontal clearance of 170 feet and a vertical clearance of 45 feet.

Vessels which do not require a bridge opening may continue to transit beneath the bridges during this closure period. Under normal conditions, during this time frame, the bridge operates in accordance with 33 CFR 117.1049 which states the bridge shall open on signal if at least two hours notice is given. The deviation allows the floating draw span of the Evergreen Point Floating Bridge on Lake Washington to remain in the closed position and need not open for maritime traffic from 9:45 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1:15 p.m. to 2:40 p.m. on July 31, 2014, and 12:15 p.m. to 2:40 p.m. on August 1st, 2014, and 12:15 p.m. to 2:40 p.m. on August 2nd, 2014, and 12:15 p.m. to 2:40 p.m. on August 3rd, 2014. The bridge shall operate in accordance to 33 CFR 117.1049 at all other times. Waterway usage on the Lake Washington Ship ranges from commercial tug and barge to small pleasure craft. Vessels able to pass through the bridge in the closed positions may do so at anytime. The bridge will be able to open for emergencies and there is no immediate alternate route for vessels to pass. The Coast Guard will also inform the users of the waterways 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 designated time period. This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.

Dated: July 15, 2014.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

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33 CFR Part 165

[Docket Number USCG-2013-0705]

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Regulated Navigation Area and Safety Zone: Tappan Zee Bridge Construction Project, Hudson River; South Nyack and Tarrytown, NY

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Temporary interim rule with

request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard is revising the current regulated navigation area (RNA) for the navigable waters of the Hudson River surrounding the Tappan Zee Bridge. First, the Coast Guard is establishing a new safety zone surrounding commercial mooring buoys installed for the ongoing Tappan Zee Bridge replacement project. The safety zone will prohibit all vessel traffic that could pose an imminent hazard to persons and vessels that will be transiting to and from the bridge site and maneuvering in close quarters between other construction vessels and large mooring buoys. Second, the Coast Guard is expanding the size of the current RNA and designating two areas within the RNA, the Eastern RNA and the Western RNA, based upon their respective locations in relation to the new safety zone. This rule is necessary to provide for the safety of life in the RNA and safety zone during the construction of the New NY Bridge and demolition of the existing Tappan Zee Bridge.

**DATES:** This rule is effective without actual notice from July 25, 2014 until December 31, 2018. For the purposes of enforcement, actual notice will be used from the date the rule was signed, July 3, 2014 until July 25, 2014.

Comments and related material will be accepted and reviewed by the Coast Guard through September 23, 2014. ADDRESSES: Documents mentioned in this preamble are part of Docket Number USCG-2013-0705. To view documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to 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 rulemaking. You may also visit the Docket Management Facility in Room W12-140 on the ground floor of the Department of Transportation West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE.,