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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

13 CFR Parts 125 and 128

Clarification To Direct Final Rule on Eliminating Self-Certification for Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.
ACTION: Clarification to direct final rule.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA or Agency) publishes this document to clarify a direct final rule published on June 6, 2024. SBA revised its regulations to implement a provision in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (NDAA 2024), which eliminates self-certification for service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses (SDVOSBs) that are awarded Federal Government contracts or subcontracts that count towards agency or subcontracting goals. SBA received seven comments but did not receive significant adverse comment.

DATES: SDVOSBs may continue to self-certify until the grace period ends on December 22, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donna Fudge, U.S. Small Business Administration, Office of Government Contracting and Business Development, 409 Third Street SW, 8th Floor, Washington, DC 20416; (202) 205-6353; Donna.Fudge@sba.gov. This phone number may also be reached by individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, or who have speech disabilities, through the Federal Communications Commission's TTY-Based Telecommunications Relay Service teletype service at 711.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 6, 2024, SBA published a direct final rule, 89 FR 48266, to implement provisions of Section 864 of NDAA 2024 with an effective date of August 5, 2024. NDAA 2024 amends the SDVOSB requirements so that on October 1, 2024, each prime

contract award and subcontract award counted for the purpose of meeting the goals for participation by SDVOSBs in procurement contracts for Federal agencies or Federal prime contractors shall be entered into with firms certified by VetCert under section 36 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 657f). Section 864 also created a grace period so that firms that file an application for certification with SBA by December 22, 2024, may continue to self-certify for such Federal Government contracts and subcontracts until SBA makes a final decision.

SBA received seven comments in response to this direct final rule. Several of these comments expressed confusion about the direct final rule's effective date because it precedes the date of certification required by NDAA 2024. It is not SBA's intent to require certification by August 5, 2024. The effective date of the direct final rule is simply the date that the Code of Federal Regulations is amended. NDAA 2024 provides a grace period so that SDVOSBs may continue to self-certify until December 22, 2024. These provisions are mandated by statute and SBA does not have the authority to alter them. SBA's intent was to give notice to participants of the upcoming requirement and their need to apply for certification by December 22, 2024.

Additionally, SBA received no significant adverse comments which would warrant withdrawing the rule. SBA views this as a non-controversial administrative action that is limited to implementing the provisions of NDAA 2024. These provisions are mandated by statute, and SBA does not have the authority to alter them in response to comment.

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Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Government Contracting and Business Development.
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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 100

[Docket No. USCG-2024-0650]

Special Local Regulation, Seattle Seafair Unlimited Hydroplane Race

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.
ACTION: Notification of enforcement of regulation.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard will enforce the special local regulations for the Seattle Seafair Unlimited Hydroplane Race from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day from August 2 through August 4, 2024, to provide for the safety of life on navigable waterways during this event. The regulation for this event identifies the regulated area on Lake Washington, Seattle, Washington. During the enforcement periods, vessels and persons in the regulated area must comply with the lawful directions from the Coast Guard designated Patrol Commander, the established Coast Guard patrol, and any federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies assisting the Patrol Commander.

DATES: The regulations in 33 CFR 100.1301 will be enforced from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., each day, from August 2, 2024, through August 4, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about this notification of enforcement, call or email Lieutenant Commander John Robertson, U.S. Coast Guard, Sector Puget Sound, Waterways Management Division; by telephone 206-217-6051, or email SectorPugetSoundWWM@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Coast Guard will enforce the special local regulation in 33 CFR 100.1301 for the Seattle Seafair Unlimited Hydroplane Race from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., each day, on August 2, 2024 through August 4, 2024. This action is being taken to provide for the safety of life on navigable waterways during this 3-day event. The regulation for this event, § 100.1301(b), specifies the location of the regulated area for the Seattle Seafair Unlimited Hydroplane Race which encompasses portions of Lake Washington, Seattle, Washington. The regulated area is divided into two zones. The zones are separated by a line

perpendicular from the I-90 Bridge to the northwest corner of the East log boom and a line extending from the southeast corner of the East log boom to the southeast corner of the hydroplane race-course and then to the northerly tip of Ohlers Island in Andrews Bay. The western zone is designated Zone I, the eastern zone, Zone II. (Refer to NOAA Chart 18447).

The Coast Guard will maintain a patrol consisting of Coast Guard vessels, assisted by Auxiliary Coast Guard vessels in Zone II. The Coast Guard patrol of this area is under the direction of the Coast Guard Patrol Commander (Patrol Commander). The Patrol Commander is empowered to control the movement of vessels on the race-course and in the adjoining waters during the periods this regulation is in effect. The Patrol Commander may be assisted by other federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies.

Only authorized vessels may be allowed to enter Zone I during the hours this regulation is in effect. Vessels in the vicinity of Zone I shall maneuver and anchor as directed by Coast Guard Officers or Petty Officers.

During the times in which the regulation is in effect, swimming, wading, or otherwise entering the water in Zone I by any person is prohibited while hydroplane boats are on the race-course. At other times in Zone I, any person entering the water from the shoreline shall remain west of the swim line, denoted by buoys, and any person entering the water from the log boom shall remain within ten (10) feet of the log boom.

During the times in which the regulation is in effect, any person swimming or otherwise entering the water in Zone II shall remain within ten (10) feet of a vessel.

During the times this regulation is in effect, rafting to a log boom will be limited to groups of three (3) vessels.

During the times this regulation is in effect, up to six (6) vessels may raft together in Zone II if none of the vessels are secured to a log boom.

During the times this regulation is in effect, only vessels authorized by the Patrol Commander, other law enforcement agencies, or event sponsors shall be permitted to tow other watercraft of inflatable devices.

Vessels proceeding in either Zone I or Zone II during the hours this regulation is in effect shall do so only at speeds which will create minimum wake, seven (7) miles per hour or less. This maximum speed may be reduced at the discretion of the Patrol Commander.

Upon completion of the daily racing activities, all vessels leaving either Zone

I or Zone II shall proceed at speeds of seven (7) miles per hour or less. The maximum speed may be reduced at the discretion of the Patrol Commander.

A succession of sharp, short signals by whistle or horn from vessels controlling the areas under the direction of the Patrol Commander shall serve as signal to stop. Vessels signaled shall stop and shall comply with lawful orders of the patrol vessel; failure to do so may result in expulsion from the area, citation for failure to comply, or both.

The Coast Guard may be assisted by other federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies, as well as official Seafair event craft.

In addition to this notification of enforcement in the **Federal Register**, the Coast Guard plans to provide notification of this enforcement period via marine information broadcasts, and Local Notice to Mariners.

Dated: July 26, 2024.

Mark A. McDonnell,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port, Sector Puget Sound.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[Docket Number USCG-2024-0170]

RIN 1625-AA00

Safety Zone; West River Entrance, Shady Side, MD

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary safety zone for waters near the West River Entrance near Shady Side, Maryland within 200 yards of the sunken recreational vessel LOVEBUG and salvage operations located at -38° 51.660 N, 076° 29.600 W. The safety zone is needed to protect the public and vessels from potential hazards created by an obstruction to the West River. Additionally, the safety zone is needed to ensure a safe working environment for the first responders and dive teams from passing traffic. This rule will prohibit persons or vessels from entering this zone unless specifically authorized by the Captain of the Port (COTP) Sector Maryland-National Capital Region (NCR) or a designated representative.

DATES: This rule is effective without actual notice from August 1, 2024 to August 02, 2024. For purposes of enforcement, actual notice will be used from July 27, 2024 through August 1, 2024.

ADDRESSES: To view documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to <https://www.regulations.gov>, type USCG-2024-0170 in the search box and click "Search." Next, in the Document Type column, select "Supporting & Related Material."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this rule, call or email LCDR Kate Newkirk, Sector Maryland-NCR, Waterways Management Branch, U.S. Coast Guard; 410-365-8141, MDNCRWaterways@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Table of Abbreviations

CFR Code of Federal Regulations
DHS Department of Homeland Security
FR Federal Register
NPRM Notice of proposed rulemaking
§ Section
U.S.C. United States Code

II. Background Information and Regulatory History

The Coast Guard is issuing this temporary rule under authority in 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B). This statutory provision authorizes an agency to issue a rule without prior notice and opportunity to comment when the agency for good cause finds that those procedures are "impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest." The Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for not publishing a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) with respect to this rule because immediate action is necessary to respond to the potential safety hazards associated with emergency salvage operations. It is impracticable to publish an NPRM because we must establish this safety zone immediately on July 27, 2024.

Also, under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for making this rule effective less than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register**. Delaying the effective date of this rule would be impracticable and contrary to the public interest because immediate action is necessary to ensure the safety of vessels and persons on these navigable waters during the emergency vessel salvage operation.

III. Legal Authority and Need for Rule

The Coast Guard is issuing this rule under the authority in 46 U.S.C. 70034. The COTP Sector Maryland-NCR has