DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 100

[Docket No. USCG-2024-0763]

Special Local Regulation; Sarasota Powerboat Grand Prix; Gulf of Mexico

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

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard will enforce a special local regulation for the Sarasota Powerboat Grand Prix race from September 13 through 15, 2024, to provide for the safety of life on navigable waters during this event. Our regulation for marine events within the Captain of the Port St. Petersburg identifies the regulated area for this event in Gulf of Mexico, in the vicinity of Lido Beach, FL. During the enforcement period, no person or vessel may enter, transit through, anchor in, or remain within the designated area unless authorized by the Captain of the Port St. Petersburg or a designated representative.

DATES: The regulations in 33 CFR 100.703 will be enforced from 8 a.m. through 6 p.m., from September 13–15, 2024, for the regulated area listed in Item 4 of Table 1 to § 100.703.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If

you have questions about this notification of enforcement, call or email Marine Science Technician First Class Mara Brown, Sector St. Petersburg Prevention Department, Coast Guard; telephone 813–228–2191, email: Mara.J.Brown@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Coast Guard will enforce the special local regulations in 33 CFR 100.703 for the Sarasota Powerboat Grand Prix/ Powerboat P-1 USA race regulated area identified in Table 1 to § 100.703, Item No. 4 from 8 a.m. through 6 p.m., from September 13–15, 2024. This action is being taken to provide for the safety of life on navigable waterways during this event. Our regulation for recurring marine events, Sector St. Petersburg, § 100.703, Table 1 to § 100.703, Item No. 4, specifies the location of the regulated area for the Sarasota Powerboat Grand Prix/Powerboat P-1 USA which encompasses portions of the Gulf of Mexico near Lido Beach, FL. Under the provisions of § 100.703(c), if you are the operator of a vessel in the regulated area you must comply with directions from the Patrol Commander or any designated representative.

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

Dated: August 26, 2024.

Michael P. Kahle,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port St. Petersburg.

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33 CFR Part 165

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Safety Zone; Paddleboat Race, Chesapeake Bay, Annapolis, MD

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS. **ACTION:** Temporary final rule.

summary: The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary safety zone for certain waters of the Chesapeake Bay adjacent to the William P. Lane Bridge, Annapolis MD. This action is necessary to provide for the safety of life on the navigable waters during a paddleboat race on September 15, 2024. This action will prohibit persons and vessels from entering the safety zone unless authorized by the Captain of the Port, Maryland-National Capital Region or a designated representative.

DATES: This rule is effective from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on September 15, 2024.

ADDRESSES: To view documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to https://www.regulations.gov, type USCG-2024-0643 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 about this rule, call or email LCDR Kate M. Newkirk, Sector Maryland-National Capital Region Waterways Management Division, U.S. Coast Guard; telephone 410–576–2674, email kate.m.newkirk@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 under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B) for not publishing a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) with respect to this rule because it would be impracticable to solicit and consider comments in time to publish a final rule to take effect in time for the event.

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 contrary to public interest because immediate action is needed to respond to the potential safety hazards associated with a large congregation of paddle racers.

III. Legal Authority and Need for Rule

The Coast Guard is issuing this rule under authority in 46 U.S.C. 70034. The Captain of the Port, Maryland-National Capital Region (COTP) has determined that the presence of nonparticipant vessels within the safety zone shortly before, during, and shortly after the paddleboat race is occurring will be a safety concern for participants and nonparticipants alike. The purpose of this rule is to ensure the safety of participant and nonparticipant vessels and the navigable waters in the safety zone before, during, and after the scheduled event.

IV. Discussion of the Rule

This rule establishes a safety zone from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. on September 15, 2024. The safety zone will cover all navigable waters of the Chesapeake Bay, adjacent to the shoreline at Sandy Point State Park and between and adjacent to the spans of the William P. Lane Jr. Memorial Bridges, from shoreline to shoreline, bounded to the north by a line drawn from the western shoreline at latitude 39°01'05.23" N, longitude 076°23′47.93" W; thence eastward to latitude 39°01'02.08" N, longitude 076°22'40.24" W; thence southeastward to eastern shoreline at latitude $38^{\circ}59'13.70''$ N, longitude $076^{\circ}19'58.40''$ W; and bounded to the south by a line drawn parallel and 500 yards south of the south bridge span that originates