

navigation position from 8 a.m., December 1, 2005, until 8 a.m., July 1, 2006.

(b) The draw of the Southern Railway Bridge over the Tennessee River, mile 470.7, at Hixon, Tennessee, shall open on signal when the vertical clearance beneath the draw is 50 feet or less. When the vertical clearance beneath the draw is more than 50 feet, at least eight hours notice is required. When the operator of a vessel returning through the draw within four hours informs the drawtender of the probable time of return, the drawtender shall return one half hour before the time specified and promptly open the draw on signal for the vessel without further notice. If the vessel giving notice fails to arrive within one hour after the arrival time specified, whether upbound or downbound, a second eight hours notice is required. Clearance gauges of a type acceptable to the Coast Guard shall be installed on both sides of the bridge.

Dated: October 27, 2005.

Steve Venckus,

Chief, Office of Regulations & Administrative Law, Office of the Judge Advocate General, United States Coast Guard.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

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Drawbridge Operation Regulations: Taunton River, MA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Commander, First Coast Guard District, has issued a temporary deviation for the Brightman Street Bridge, at mile 1.8, across the Taunton River between Fall River and Somerset, Massachusetts. Under this temporary deviation the bridge may remain closed from 9 p.m. on December 2, 2005 through 5 a.m. on December 12, 2005. The purpose of this temporary deviation is to facilitate scheduled bridge repairs.

DATES: This deviation is effective from December 2, 2005 through December 12, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John McDonald, Project Officer, First Coast Guard District, at (617) 223-8364.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Brightman Street Bridge has a vertical

clearance in the closed position of 27 feet at mean high water and 31 feet at mean low water. The existing drawbridge operation regulations are listed at 33 CFR 117.619(b).

The owner of the bridge, Massachusetts Highway Department, requested a temporary deviation from the drawbridge operation regulations to facilitate scheduled bridge repairs.

Under this temporary deviation the Brightman Street Bridge may remain closed from 9 p.m. on December 2, 2005 through 5 a.m. on December 12, 2005.

This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35, and will be performed with all due speed in order to return the bridge to normal operation as soon as possible.

Dated: October 25, 2005.

Gary Kassof,

Bridge Program Manager, First Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

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Drawbridge Operation Regulations: Jamaica Bay and Connecting Waterways, NY

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Commander, First Coast Guard District, has issued a temporary 90-day deviation from the drawbridge operation regulations to test an alternate drawbridge operation regulation for the Beach Channel Railroad Bridge mile 6.7, across Jamaica Bay, New York. Under this temporary deviation, in effect from December 1, 2005 through February 28, 2006, the bridge may remain closed during the commuter rail rush hours in the morning and afternoon, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The purpose of this temporary deviation is to test an alternate drawbridge operation schedule for 90 days and solicit comment from the public.

DATES: This deviation is effective from December 1, 2005 through February 28, 2006. Comments must reach the Coast Guard on or before March 31, 2006.

ADDRESSES: You may mail comments to Commander (obr), First Coast Guard District Bridge Branch, One South

Street, Battery Park Building, New York, New York, 10004, or deliver them to the same address between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except, Federal holidays. The telephone number is (212) 668-7165. The First Coast Guard District, Bridge 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 First Coast Guard District, Bridge Branch, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Request for Comments

We encourage you to participate in this rulemaking by submitting comments or related material. If you do so, please include your name and address, identify the docket number for this rulemaking (CGD01-05-099), 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 if they reached us, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. We will consider all comments and material received during the comment period. We may change this rule in view of them.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Judy Leung-Yee, Project Officer, First Coast Guard District, at (212) 668-7195.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Beach Channel Railroad Bridge has a vertical clearance in the closed position of 26 feet at mean high water and 31 feet at mean low water. The existing drawbridge operation regulations require the bridge to open on signal at all times.

The bridge owner, New York City Transit, requested a change to the drawbridge operation regulations to allow the bridge to remain closed during the morning and afternoon commuter rail rush hours, from 6:45 a.m. to 8:20 a.m. and 5 p.m. to 6:45 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

The Coast Guard decided to test the above proposed change to the drawbridge operation regulations for a period of 90 days to help determine if this proposed rule change will help facilitate commuter rail traffic and still meet the reasonable needs of navigation.

Under this temporary 90-day deviation, effective from December 1, 2005 through February 28, 2006, the Beach Channel Railroad Bridge need not