

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**Coast Guard****33 CFR Part 165**

[Docket No. USCG–2020–0546]

Special Local Regulations; Swim Around Charleston, Charleston, SC**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.**ACTION:** Notice of enforcement of regulation.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard will enforce a special local regulation for the Swim Around Charleston on October 11, 2020, from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m., to provide for the safety of life on navigable waterways during this event. The Coast Guard will enforce a temporary moving safety zone during the Swim Around Charleston, a swimming race occurring on the Wando River, the Cooper River, Charleston Harbor, and the Ashley River, in Charleston, South Carolina. The temporary moving safety zone is necessary to protect swimmers, participant vessels, spectators, and the general public during the event. Persons and vessels would be prohibited from entering the safety zone unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Charleston or a designated representative.

DATES: The regulation in 33 CFR 100.704 Table 1 to § 100.704, Item No. (9) will be enforced from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. on October 11, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about this proposed rulemaking, call or email Lieutenant Chad Ray, Sector Charleston Office of Waterways Management, Coast Guard; telephone (843) 740–3184, email Chad.L.Ray@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Coast Guard will enforce the special local regulation in 33 CFR 100.704, Table 1 to § 100.704, Item No. (9), for the Swim Around Charleston from 8:30 a.m. through 4 p.m. on October 11, 2020. This action is being taken to provide for the safety of life on navigable waterways during this event. The regulation in § 100.704, Table 1 to § 100.704, Item No. (9), specifies the location of the regulated area for the Swim Around Charleston, which encompasses a portion of the waterways during the 12 mile swim from Remley's Point on the Wando River in approximate position 32°48'49" N, 79°54'27" W, crosses the main shipping channel under the main span of the Ravenel Bridge, and finishes at the I–526 bridge and boat landing on the Ashley River in approximate

position 32°50'14" N, 80°01'23" W. During the enforcement periods, as reflected in § 100.704(c)(1), if you are the operator of a vessel in the regulated area you must comply with directions from the Patrol Commander or any Official Patrol displaying a Coast Guard ensign.

In addition to this notice of enforcement in the **Federal Register**, the Coast Guard plans to provide notification of this enforcement period via the Local Notice to Mariners, Broadcast Notice to Mariners, and on-scene designated representatives.

Dated: September 22, 2020.

J.D. Cole,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port Charleston.

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[Docket Number USCG–2020–0470]

RIN 1625–AA00

Safety Zone; Neponset River, Boston/Milton, MA**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.**ACTION:** Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary safety zone for navigable waters within a 100-yard radius of Granite Avenue Bridge over the Neponset River; construction vessels and machinery will restrict the center span of the bascule bridge preventing openings to conduct structural steel repairs. The safety zone is needed to protect personnel, vessels, and the marine environment from potential hazards created by repair work on the bridge. Entry of vessels or persons into this zone is prohibited unless specifically authorized by the Captain of the Port (COTP) Boston.

DATES: This rule is effective from Friday, October 23, 2020 commencing at 7 p.m. through Friday, November 6, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.

ADDRESSES: To view documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to <https://www.regulations.gov>, type USCG–2020–0470 in the “SEARCH” box and click “SEARCH.” Click on Open Docket Folder on the line associated with this rule.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this rule, call or

email Mr. Timothy Chase, Sector Boston, Waterways, U.S. Coast Guard; telephone 617–223–4000, email timothy.w.chase@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 without prior notice and opportunity to comment pursuant to authority under section 4(a) of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) (5 U.S.C. 553(b)). This 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.” Under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for not publishing a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) with respect to this rule because it would be unnecessary due to the fact that during the fall months there is less marine traffic and a majority of the vessels that transit under the bridge will not require an opening and may still safely pass by the work vessels at a safe distance.

III. Legal Authority and Need for Rule

The Coast Guard is issuing this rule under authority in 46 U.S.C. 70034 (previously 33 U.S.C. 1231). The COTP Boston has determined that potential hazards associated with bridge repairs starting October 23, 2020, will be a safety concern for anyone within a 100-yard radius of bridge repair vessels and machinery. This rule is needed to protect personnel, vessels, and the marine environment in the navigable waters within the safety zone while the bridge is being repaired.

IV. Discussion of the Rule

This rule establishes a safety zone from 7 p.m. on October 23, 2020, to 11:59 p.m. on November 6, 2020. The safety zone will cover all navigable waters within 100 yards of vessels and machinery being used by personnel to repair the Granite Avenue Bridge in Boston/Milton, Massachusetts. The duration of the zone is intended to protect personnel, vessels, and the marine environment in these navigable waters while the bridge is being repaired. No vessel or person will be