

The bridge owner, the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), requested a temporary deviation from the drawbridge operating regulations to facilitate necessary maintenance at the bridge, the replacement of the vertical shaft couplings at the bridge.

This deviation from the operation regulations allows the bridge to remain in the closed position from 10 p.m. on October 21, 2001 through 10 p.m. on October 24, 2001. Vessels that can pass under the bridge without a bridge opening may do so at all times.

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

Dated: September 27, 2001.

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Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander, First Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

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Drawbridge Operation Regulations: Annisquam River, Blynman Canal, MA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Commander, First Coast Guard District, has issued a temporary deviation from the drawbridge operation regulations for the SR 127 Bridge, mile 0.0, across the Annisquam River, Blynman Canal, in Gloucester, Massachusetts. This deviation allows the bridge to remain in the closed position from November 5, 2001 through November 16, 2001, at various times, to facilitate the emergency repair of the bridge power supply cable.

DATES: This deviation is effective from November 5, 2001 through November 16, 2001.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The SR 127 Bridge, at mile 0.0, across the Annisquam River Blynman Canal in Gloucester, Massachusetts, has a vertical clearance of 7 feet at mean high water, and 16 feet at mean low water in the closed position.

The existing drawbridge operation regulations require the draw to open on signal at all times except at Christmas and New Years eve and day when the bridge operates on a two-hour advance notice.

The bridge owner, Massachusetts Highway Department, requested a temporary deviation from the drawbridge operating regulations to facilitate the emergency repair of the bridge power supply cable.

The contractor must work five eight-hour days from November 5, 2001 through November 9, 2001, during daylight hours, at slack tide in order to excavate the underwater trench for the new power supply cable. The working hours will vary each day depending upon the time period that slack tide occurs. During these eight-hour work periods each day the bridge will not open for vessel traffic; however, the bridge will operate according to its normal schedule, opening on demand, for the remaining sixteen hours each day.

Additionally, the bridge will remain in the closed position to navigation from 7 a.m., Monday, November 12, 2001 through midnight on Friday, November 16, 2001, to change over to the new cable and connect all the power supply wires at the bridge.

This deviation to the operating regulations allows the owner of the SR 127 Bridge to keep the bridge in the closed position eight-hours a day during daylight hours at slack tide from November 5, 2001 through November 9, 2001 and to keep the bridge in the closed position from 7 a.m. on November 12, 2001 through midnight on November 16, 2001.

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.

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Coast Guard

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Safety and Security Zones; New York Marine Inspection Zone and Captain of the Port Zone

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: As a result of the several apparent terrorist attacks September 11, 2001 on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, the State Department, and other governmental installations, the Coast Guard is establishing temporary emergency safety and security zones covering the New York Marine Inspection Zone and Captain of the Port Zone. The safety and security zones are needed to safeguard the public, vessels, and vessel crews from further consequences of the aforementioned attacks, and from potential future sabotage or other subversive acts, accidents, or other causes of a similar nature. Entry into or movement within these zones by any vessel of any description whatsoever, except emergency response vessels, without the express authority of the Captain of the Port, New York, or his authorized patrol representative is strictly prohibited.

DATES: This rule is effective from September 12, 2001 through September 14, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Documents as indicated in this preamble are available for inspection and copying at Coast Guard Activities New York, 212 Coast Guard Drive, room 204, Staten Island, New York 10305, between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lieutenant M. Day, Waterways Oversight Branch, Coast Guard Activities New York (718) 354-4012.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulatory Information

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553, a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) was not published for this regulation, and good cause exists for making it effective less than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register**. Good cause also exists for not publishing a NPRM for this regulation. Due to the catastrophic nature and extent of damage realized from the aircraft crashes into the two towers of the World Trade Center, this rulemaking is urgently necessary to