

U.S. Naval Academy Crew Races, a marine event to be held May 26, 2002, on the waters of the Severn River at Annapolis, Maryland. These special local regulations are necessary to control vessel traffic due to the confined nature of the waterway and expected vessel congestion during the event. The effect will be to restrict general navigation in the regulated area for the safety of spectators and vessels transiting the event area.

EFFECTIVE DATES: 33 CFR 100.518 is effective from 5 a.m. to 8 a.m. on May 26, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ron Houck, Marine Information Specialist, Commander, Coast Guard Activities Baltimore, 2401 Hawkins Point Road, Baltimore, MD 21226-1971, at (410) 576-2674.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Naval Academy will sponsor crew races on the waters of the Severn River at Annapolis, Maryland. The event will consist of intercollegiate crew rowing teams racing along a 2000-meter course on the waters of the Severn River. A fleet of spectator vessels is expected to gather near the event site to view the competition. In order to ensure the safety of participants, spectators and transiting vessels, 33 CFR 100.518 will be in effect for the duration of the event. Under provisions of 33 CFR 100.518, vessels may not enter the regulated area without permission from the Coast Guard Patrol Commander. Spectator vessels may anchor outside the regulated area but may not block a navigable channel.

In addition to this notice, the maritime community will be provided extensive advance notification via the Local Notice to Mariners, marine information broadcasts, and area newspapers, so mariners can adjust their plans accordingly.

Dated: May 16, 2002.

James D. Hull,

Vice Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 100

[CGD05-02-021]

Special Local Regulations for Marine Events; Norfolk Harbor, Elizabeth River, Norfolk and Portsmouth, Virginia

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of implementation.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is implementing the special local regulations at 33 CFR 100.501 for the Portsmouth 250th Birthday Party Fireworks, to be held May 26, 2002, over the waters of the Elizabeth River between Norfolk and Portsmouth, Virginia. This action is necessary to provide for the safety of life on navigable waters during the event. The effect will be to restrict general navigation in the regulated area for the safety of spectators, participants and vessels transiting the event area.

EFFECTIVE DATES: 33 CFR 100.501 is effective from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. EDT on May 26, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chief Petty Officer Jerry Saffold, Marine Events Coordinator, Commander, Coast Guard Group Hampton Roads, 4000 Coast Guard Blvd., Portsmouth, VA 23703, at (757) 483-8521.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On Saturday, May 26, 2002, Ports Events, Inc. will sponsor the Portsmouth 250th Birthday Party Fireworks over the waters of the Elizabeth River, between Norfolk and Portsmouth, Virginia. The event will consist of a pyrotechnics display lasting approximately 45 minutes. A fleet of spectator vessels is expected to gather near the event site to view the fireworks. In order to ensure the safety of participants, spectators and transiting vessels, 33 CFR 100.501 will be in effect for the duration of the event. Under provisions of 33 CFR 100.501, vessels may not enter the regulated area without permission from the Coast Guard Patrol Commander. Spectator vessels may anchor outside the regulated area but may not block a navigable channel.

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33 CFR Part 165

[COTP Huntington-02-004]

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Safety Zone; Ohio River Miles 355.5 to 356.5, Portsmouth, Ohio

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary safety zone for the waters of the Ohio River beginning at mile 355.5 and ending at mile 356.5, extending the entire width of the river. This safety zone is needed to protect spectators and vessels from the potential safety hazards associated with a fireworks display. Entry into this zone is prohibited, unless specifically authorized by the Captain of the Port, Huntington or his designated representative.

DATES: This rule is effective from 9:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. on July 4, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Documents indicated in this preamble as being available in the docket, are part of docket [COTP Huntington-02-004] and are available for inspection or copying at Marine Safety Office Huntington, 1415 6th Avenue, Huntington, West Virginia, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chief Petty Officer, Rick Leffler, Marine Safety Office Huntington, Marine Event Coordinator at (304) 529-5524.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulatory Information

We did not publish a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) for this regulation. Under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for not publishing an NPRM. Information was made available to the Coast Guard in insufficient time to publish a NPRM. Publishing a NPRM with a comment period would be contrary to public interest since action is needed to protect vessels and mariners from the hazards associated with a fireworks display.