

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The St. Claude Avenue bascule bridge across the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal, mile 0.5 (GIWW mile 6.2 East of Harvey Lock) in New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana, has a vertical clearance of 1 foot above high water in the closed-to-navigation position and unlimited in the open-to-navigation position. Navigation on the waterway consists mainly of tugs with tows and some ships. The bridge owner requested a temporary deviation from the normal operation of the drawbridge in order to accommodate repair work on the bridge. These repairs are necessary for the continued operation of the bridge.

This deviation allows the draw of the St. Claude Avenue bascule bridge across the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal, mile 0.5 (GIWW mile 6.2 East of Harvey Lock), to remain closed to navigation from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday, September 22, 2001.

Dated: August 27, 2001.

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*Rear Admiral, U. S. Coast Guard,
Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District.*

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[CGD08-01-027]

Drawbridge Operating Regulation; Port Allen Canal, LA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District has issued a temporary deviation from the regulation governing the operation of the Union Pacific Railroad vertical lift bridge across the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, Morgan City to Port Allen (Alternate Route), mile 56.0, on the Port Allen Canal near Morley, West Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana. This deviation allows the Union Pacific Railroad to close the bridge to navigation from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Monday, September 10, 2001 and from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Wednesday, September 12, 2001. Presently, the draw is required to open on signal. This temporary deviation is issued to allow for the removal of the existing bridge joint components and set new panels on the moveable and the fixed ends of the bridge.

DATES: This deviation is effective from 7 a.m. on Monday, September 10, 2001

until 7 p.m. on Wednesday, September 12, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Unless otherwise indicated, documents referred to in this notice are available for inspection or copying at the office of the Eighth Coast Guard District, Bridge Administration Branch, Commander (ob), 501 Magazine Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70130-3396. The Bridge Administration Branch maintains the public docket for this temporary deviation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Frank, Bridge Administration Branch, telephone (504) 589-2965.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Union Pacific Railroad vertical lift span bridge across the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, Morgan City to Port Allen (Alternate Route), mile 56.0, on the Port Allen Canal near Morley, West Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana, has a vertical clearance of 7 feet above high water in the closed-to-navigation position and 73 feet above mean high water in the open-to-navigation position. Navigation on the waterway consists mainly of tugs with tows. The Union Pacific Railroad requested a temporary deviation from the normal operation of the drawbridge in order to accommodate the maintenance and repair work on the bridge. These repairs are necessary for the continued operation of the bridge.

This deviation allows the draw of the Union Pacific Railroad vertical lift span drawbridge across the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, Morgan City to Port Allen (Alternate Route), mile 56.0, on the Port Allen Canal, to remain closed to navigation from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Monday, September 10, 2001 and from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Wednesday, September 12, 2001.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[CGD01-01-038]

RIN 2115-AE47

Drawbridge Operation Regulations: West Bay, MA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is changing the drawbridge operating regulations for

the West Bay Bridge, at mile 1.2, across West Bay in Osterville, Massachusetts. This final rule will increase the advance notice requirement for April and extend the evening operating hours at the bridge during the boating season. This action is expected to better meet the present needs of navigation.

DATES: This rule is effective October 9, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments and material received from the public, as well as documents indicated in this preamble as being available in the docket, are part of docket (CGD01-01-038) and are available for inspection or copying at the First Coast Guard District, Bridge Branch Office, 408 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulatory Information

On May 9, 2001, we published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) entitled Drawbridge Operation Regulations; West Bay, Massachusetts, in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 23638). We received no comment letters in response to the notice of proposed rulemaking. No public hearing was requested and none was held.

Background and Purpose

The West Bay Bridge, mile 1.2, across West Bay has a vertical clearance of 15 feet at mean high water and 17 feet at mean low water.

The existing regulations for the bridge listed at 33 CFR 117.622, require the bridge to open on signal, April 1 through October 31, as follows:

(1) April 1 through June 14 and October 12 through October 31; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

(2) June 15 through June 30; 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

(3) July 1 through Labor Day; 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

(4) Labor Day through October 11; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

(5) At all other times from April 1 through October 31, the draw shall open on signal if at least four-hours advance notice is given.

(6) From November 1 through March 31, the draw shall open on signal if at least twenty-four hours advance notice is given.

The bridge owner, the Town of Barnstable, asked the Coast Guard to change the drawbridge operation regulations to allow the bridge to open on signal, from April 1 through April 30