DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[Docket No. USCG–2016–0196]

Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Red River, Alexandria, LA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of deviation from drawbridge regulations.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard has issued a temporary deviation from the operating schedule that governs the US 165 (Jackson Street) Drawbridge across the Red River, mile 88.6, at Alexandria, Louisiana. The deviation is necessary to allow the bridge owner time to install new pinion bearings essential to the continued safe operation of the drawbridge. This deviation allows the bridge to remain in the closed-to-navigation position for approximately 6 days spanning a 2-week period.

DATES: This deviation is effective from May 31, 2016 through June 9, 2016.

ADDRESSES: The docket for this deviation, (USCG–2016–0196) is available at http://www.regulations.gov. Type the docket number in the “SEARCH” box and click “SEARCH.” Click on Open Docket Folder on the line associated with this deviation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions concerning this rule, call or email Lieutenant Commander Nicolas Jarboe, Waterways Management Division, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Honolulu at (808) 541–4359 or nicolas.a.jarboe@uscg.mil, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development requested a temporary deviation for the US 165 [Jackson Street] Drawbridge, across the Red River, mile 88.6, at Alexandria, Louisiana. This deviation allows the bridge to remain in the closed-to-navigation position from 8 a.m. on May 31, 2016 to 8 p.m. on June 2, 2016 and from 8 a.m. on June 7, 2016 to 8 p.m. on June 9, 2016. This deviation is necessary for the bridge owner to install new pinion bearings. The US 165 [Jackson Street] Drawbridge currently operates in accordance with 33 CFR 117.491(b). The US 165 [Jackson Street] Drawbridge provides a vertical clearance of 40.0 feet above normal pool in the closed-to-navigation position. Navigation on the waterway consists primarily of commercial tows and recreational watercraft and will not be significantly impacted. This temporary deviation has been coordinated with waterway users. No objections were received.

The bridge will not be able to open for emergencies and there are no alternate routes for vessels transiting this section of the Red River. The Coast Guard will also inform the users of the waterways through our Local and Broadcast Notices to Mariners of the change in operating schedule for the bridge so the vessel operators can arrange their transits to minimize any impact caused by the temporary deviation.

In accordance with 33 CFR 117.35(e), the drawbridge must return to its regular operating schedule immediately at the end of the effective period of this temporary deviation. This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.


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33 CFR Part 165

[Docket Number USCG–2016–0272]

RIN 1625–AA00

Safety Zone; Pacific Ocean, North Shore Oahu, HI—Recovery Operations

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary safety zone for the navigable waters of the North Shore of Oahu approximately 2.5NM North West of Hale‘iwa small boat harbor. The safety zone will encompass all waters extending one nautical mile in all directions around the location of ongoing salvage operations, as described below. The safety zone is needed to protect personnel, vessels, and the marine environment from potential hazards associated with ongoing operations to salvage the remains of two downed helicopters in this area. A temporary safety zone was previously enforced in the same area from March 4, 2016 through April 1, 2016 to protect personnel, vessels, and the marine environment from the potential hazards associated with these salvage operations. A new temporary safety zone in the area is necessary to complete recovery of the debris from the helicopters. Entry of vessels or persons into this zone is prohibited unless specifically authorized by the Captain of the Port (COTP) Honolulu or his designated representative.

DATES: This rule is effective without actual notice from April 25, 2016 through 3:00 p.m. (HST) on April 29, 2016. For the purposes of enforcement, actual notice will be used from 3:00 p.m. (HST) on April 1, 2016 until April 25, 2016.

ADDRESSES: To view documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to http://www.regulations.gov, type USCG–2016–0272 in the “SEARCH” box and click “SEARCH.” Click on Open Docket Folder on the line associated with this rule.

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On January 15, 2016, the Coast Guard was informed of a helicopter crash off the North Shore of Oahu between Ka‘ENA Point and Kahuku Point. The COTP Honolulu determined that potential hazards associated with the salvage efforts constitute a safety concern for anyone within the designated safety zone. This rule is