

upper lift deck which operate independent of each other. To facilitate this event, the upper deck and the lower deck will remain in closed-to-navigation position. When both decks are in the closed-to-navigation position, the bridge provides 26 feet of vertical clearance above Columbia River Datum 0.0. The deviation period is from 5 a.m. on January 9, 2017 to 11:59 p.m. on January 18, 2017. The normal operating schedule for the Steel Bridge is in accordance with 33 CFR 117.897(c)(3)(ii).

Waterway usage on this part of the Willamette River includes vessels ranging from commercial tug and barge to small pleasure craft. Vessels able to pass through the bridge in the closed-to-navigation position may do so at any time. The bridge will not be able to open for emergencies, and there is no immediate alternate route for vessels to pass. UPRR has conducted a detailed public outreach for this ten day closure of both decks on the Steel Bridge to Multnomah County, and mariners that transit on the river. The Coast Guard has not received any objections to this temporary deviation from the operating schedule. 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 that 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 designated time period. This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.

Dated: December 7, 2016.

**Steven M Fischer,**

*Bridge Administrator, Thirteenth Coast Guard District.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

#### 33 CFR Part 117

[Docket No. USCG-2016-1043]

#### Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Columbia River, Kennewick, WA

**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 Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railroad Bridge (Kennewick-Pasco Railroad Bridge) across the Columbia River, mile 328, at Kennewick, WA. This deviation is necessary to accommodate maintenance to replace a lift motor and install span controls. This deviation allows the bridge to remain in the closed position during installation activities.

**DATES:** This deviation is effective from 8 a.m. on January 9, 2017 to 8 p.m. on January 20, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** The docket for this deviation, USCG-2016-1043 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 on this temporary deviation, call or email Mr. Steven Fischer, Bridge Administrator, Thirteenth Coast Guard District; telephone 206-220-7282, email [d13-pf-d13bridges@uscg.mil](mailto:d13-pf-d13bridges@uscg.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** BNSF requested that the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railroad Bridge (Kennewick-Pasco Railroad Bridge) across the Columbia River, mile 328, remain closed to vessel traffic to replace a lift motor and install span controls. The Kennewick-Pasco Railroad Bridge provides 18 feet of vertical clearance above Columbia River Datum 0.0 while in the closed position. The current operations for the bridge is in 33 CFR 117.1035. This deviation allows the span of this bridge to remain in the closed-to-navigation position, and need not open for maritime traffic from 8 a.m. on January 9, 2017 to 8 p.m. on January 20, 2017. These dates coincide with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers schedule closures of the Columbia River navigation locks. The bridge shall operate in accordance to 33 CFR 117.1035 at all other times. Waterway usage on this part of the Columbia River includes vessels ranging from commercial tug and tow vessels to recreational pleasure craft including cabin cruisers and sailing vessels.

Vessels able to pass through the bridge in the closed position may do so at anytime. During the first week of the installation period, the span of the bridge will not be able to open for maritime emergencies; however, the span may be opened during the second week of installation work for maritime emergencies, but any emergency opening will necessitate a time extension to the approved dates. No

immediate alternate route for vessels to pass is available on this part of the 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 that vessels 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 designated time period. This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.

Dated: December 7, 2016.

**Steven M. Fischer,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

#### 33 CFR Part 165

[Docket Number USCG-2016-0825]

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#### Safety Zone; United Illuminating Company Housatonic River Crossing Project; Housatonic River, Milford and Stratford, CT

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Temporary final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary safety zone on the Housatonic River near Milford and Stratford, CT. The safety zone is needed to protect personnel, vessels, and the marine environment from potential hazards created by the United Illuminating Company Housatonic River Crossing Project. This regulation prohibits entry of vessels or people into the safety zone unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Sector Long Island Sound.

**DATES:** This rule is effective without actual notice from December 13, 2016 through December 21, 2016. For the purposes of enforcement, actual notice will be used from November 29, 2016, through December 13, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** To view documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, type USCG-2016-0825 in the "SEARCH" box and click "SEARCH." Click on Open Docket Folder on the line associated with this rule.