8.5 Cape Cod Bay Challenge .................................

- Event Type: Paddleboard excursion.
- Date: One weekend day (Saturday or Sunday) in August.
- Time: Approximately 4:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Location: Departing from Scusset Beach, Sandwich, MA, and transiting to Wellfleet Harbor, Wellfleet, MA.
- Position: A line drawn from Scusset Beach at approximate position 41°47' N., 70°30' W., to Wellfleet Harbor at approximate position 41°53' N., 70°02' W. (NAD 83).
- Safety Zone Dimension: Approximately 500 yards extending in each direction from the line described above.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
California Department of Transportation has requested a temporary change to the operation of the Tower Drawbridge, mile 59.0, over Sacramento River, at Sacramento, CA. The drawbridge navigation span provides a vertical clearance of 30 feet above Mean High Water in the closed-to-navigation position. The draw operates as required by 33 CFR 117.189(a). Navigation on the waterway is commercial and recreational.

The drawspan will be secured in the closed-to-navigation position from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on June 3, 2017, to allow the community to participate in a Girl Scouts Ceremony event. This temporary deviation has been coordinated with the waterway users. No objections to the proposed temporary deviation were raised.

Vessels able to pass through the bridge in the closed position may do so at anytime. The bridge will be able to open for emergencies and there is no immediate alternate route for vessels to pass. The Coast Guard will also inform the users of the waterway, 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 effective period of this temporary deviation. This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.


C.T. Hausner,
District Bridge Chief, Eleventh Coast Guard District.

### DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

**Coast Guard**

33 CFR Part 117

[Docket No. USCG–2017–0364]

**Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Lake Washington Ship Canal, Seattle, WA**

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of deviation from drawbridge regulation.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard has issued a temporary deviation from the operating schedule that governs the University Bridge, mile 4.3, and the Montlake Bridge, mile 5.2, both crossing Lake Washington Ship Canal at Seattle, WA. The deviation is necessary to accommodate the “Beat the Bridge” foot race event. This deviation allows the bridges to remain in the closed-to-navigation position to allow for the safe movement of event participants.

**DATES:** This deviation is effective from 8:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on May 21, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** The docket for this deviation, [USCG–2017–0364], 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.
for the University Bridge, mile 4.3, and the Montlake Bridge, mile 5.2, both crossing Lake Washington Ship Canal at Seattle, WA, to facilitate safe passage of participants in the “Beat the Bridge” foot race. The University Bridge, bascule, provides a vertical clearance of 30 feet in the closed-to-navigation position. The Montlake Bridge, bascule, provides 30 feet of vertical clearance in the closed-to-navigation position throughout the navigation channel, and 46 feet of vertical clearance in the closed-to-navigation position throughout the center 60 feet of the bridge. Vertical clearances are referenced to the Mean Water Level of Lake Washington. The normal operating schedule for both the University Bridge and Montlake Bridge is in 33 CFR 117.1051. During this deviation period, the University Bridge need not open to marine vessels from 8:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on May 21, 2017; the Montlake Bridge need not open to marine vessels from 8:15 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. on May 21, 2017. Waterway usage on Lake Washington Ship Canal ranges from commercial tug and barge to small pleasure craft.

Vessels able to pass through the bridges in the closed-to-navigation position may do so at anytime. Both bridges will be able to open for emergencies, and there is no immediate alternate route for vessels to pass. 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 effective period of this temporary deviation. This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.

Dated: May 2, 2017.

Steven M. Fischer,
Bridge Administrator, Thirteenth Coast Guard District.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
Coast Guard
33 CFR Part 165
[Docket Number USCG–2016–0825]
RIN 1625–AA00
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 for certain waters of the Housatonic River. This action is necessary to provide for the safety of life on these navigable waters near Milford and Stratford, CT, during the United Illuminating Company Housatonic River Crossing. This regulation prohibits vessels or people from being in the safety zone unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Long Island Sound or a designated representative. The safety zone will only be enforced during cable pulling operations or other instances which may create a hazard to navigation.

DATES: This rule is effective without actual notice from May 22, 2017 through August 3, 2017. For the purposes of enforcement, actual notice will be used from April 26, 2017 through May 22, 2017.

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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this rule, contact Petty Officer Katherine Linnick, Prevention Department, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Long Island Sound, telephone (203) 468–4565, email katherine.E.Linnick@uscg.mil

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Table of Abbreviations
COTP Captain of the Port
DHS Department of Homeland Security
FR Federal Register
LIS Long Island Sound
NPRM Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
NAD 83 North American Datum 1983

II. Background Information and Regulatory History

This rulemaking establishes a temporary safety zone for certain waters of the Housatonic River near Milford and Stratford, CT. Corresponding regulatory history is discussed below.

On August 25, 2016, United Illuminating Company notified the Coast Guard that it would conduct a project involving the installation of new transmission conductors over the Housatonic River near Stratford and Milford, CT. On March 14, 2017, the Coast Guard published a NPRM entitled, “Safety Zone; United Illuminating Company Housatonic River Crossing Project; Housatonic River; Milford and Stratford, CT” in the Federal Register (80 FR 13572). There we stated why we issued the NPRM, and invited comments on our proposed regulatory action related to this transmission project. During the comment period that ended April 13, 2017, we received zero comments.

The United Illuminating Company Housatonic River Crossing Project is schedule to be completed in two phases. The first phase involving the stringing of optical fiber ground wires on the North circuit of the project is scheduled to begin on April 26, 2017 through May 4, 2017. The second phase involves the stringing of optical fiber ground wires on the South circuit from July 29, 2017 through August 3, 2017. The work area for both phases is between the eastern and western shores of the Housatonic River. The southern boundary of the work area is the Metro-North Rail Bridge. The northern boundary of the work area is approximately 525 feet upstream of the Metro-North Rail Bridge. Exact coordinates are included in the regulatory text. Potential hazards from this project include entanglement of vessels with the messenger line and falling equipment from the electrical towers. The Captain of the Port Long Island Sound (COTP) has determined that the potential hazards associated with the cable crossing project could be a safety concern for anyone within the proposed work area.

Under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for making this rule effective less than 30 days after publication in the Federal Register. As stated above, the first phase of the United Illuminating Company Housatonic River Crossing Project is scheduled to begin on April 26, 2017. Thus, there is now insufficient time for a 30 day comment period before the need to enforce this safety zone on April 26, 2017. Delaying the enforcement of this safety zone to allow a 30 day effective period will be impractical and contrary to the public interest because it would inhibit the Coast Guard’s ability to fulfill its mission to keep the waterways safe.