Authority for This Rulemaking

The FAA’s authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the United States Code. Subtitle I, Section 106 describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII, Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the agency’s authority. This rulemaking is promulgated under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart I, Section 40103. Under that section, the FAA is charged with prescribing regulations to assign the use of airspace necessary to ensure the safety of aircraft and the efficient use of airspace. This regulation is within the scope of that authority as it amends Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Pauls Valley Municipal Airport, Pauls Valley, OK, in support of standard instrument approach procedures for IFR operations at the airport.

History

The FAA published in the Federal Register (82 FR 17778 April 13, 2017) Docket No. FAA–2017–0184, a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to modify Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Pauls Valley Municipal Airport, Pauls Valley, OK. Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking effort by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. No comments were received.

Class E airspace designations are published in paragraph 6005 of FAA Order 7400.11A, dated August 3, 2016, and effective September 15, 2016, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. Subsequent to publication, the FAA found that the title for Class E airspace in paragraph 6005 of FAA Order 7400.11A was incomplete, and is corrected in this rule. The Class E airspace designations listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

Availability and Summary of Documents for Incorporation by Reference

This document amends FAA Order 7400.11A, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 3, 2016, and effective September 15, 2016. FAA Order 7400.11A is publicly available as listed in the ADDRESSES section of this document. FAA Order 7400.11A lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic service routes, and reporting points.

The Rule

This amendment to Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 71 amends Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.6-mile radius of Pauls Valley Municipal Airport, Pauls Valley, OK. The segment 2.6 miles each side of the 169° bearing from the Pauls Valley NDB extending from the 6.6-mile radius to 7.6 miles south of the airport is removed due to the decommissioning of the Pauls Valley NDB, and cancellation of the NDB approach. This action enhances the safety and management of the standard instrument approach procedures for IFR operations at the airport.

Also, the title for paragraph 6005, as published in FAA Order 7400.11A, is corrected from “Class E Airspace Areas” to “Class E Airspace Areas Extending Upward from 700 feet or More Above the Surface of the Earth”.

Regulatory Notices and Analyses

The FAA has determined that this regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current, is non-controversial and unlikely to result in adverse or negative comments. It, therefore: (1) Is not a “significant regulatory action” under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a “significant rule” under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a regulatory evaluation as the anticipated impact is so minimal. Since this is a routine matter that will only affect air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this rule, when promulgated, would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Environmental Review

The FAA has determined that this action qualifies for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, “Environmental Impacts; Policies and Procedures,” paragraph 5–6.5.a. This airspace action is not expected to cause any potentially significant environmental impacts, and no extraordinary circumstances exist that warrant preparation of an environmental assessment.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

Adoption of the Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 14 CFR part 71 as follows:

PART 71—DESIGNATION OF CLASS A, B, C, D, AND E AIRSPACE AREAS; AIR TRAFFIC SERVICE ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS

1. The authority citation for 14 CFR part 71 continues to read as follows:


§ 71.1 [Amended]

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of FAA Order 7400.11A, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 3, 2016, and effective September 15, 2016, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6005 Class E Airspace Areas Extending Upward From 700 Feet or More Above the Surface of the Earth.

ASW OK E5 Pauls Valley, OK [Amended]

Pauls Valley Municipal Airport, OK

(Lat. 34°42′34″ N., long. 97°13′24″ W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.6-mile radius of Pauls Valley Municipal Airport, and within 4 miles each side of the 169° bearing from the airport extending from the 6.6-mile radius to 11.6 miles north of the airport.

Issued in Fort Worth, Texas, on August 18, 2017.

Christopher Southerland,
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ATO Central Service Center.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 100

[Docket No. USCG–2017–0753]

Special Local Regulation; Olympia Harbor Days Tug Boat Races, Budd Inlet, WA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of enforcement of regulation.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard will enforce Special Local Regulations for the Olympia Harbor Days Tug Boat Races, Budd Inlet, WA from 11 a.m. through 5 p.m. on September 3, 2017. This action

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is necessary to restrict vessel movement within the specified race area immediately prior to, during, and immediately after racing activity in order to ensure the safety of participants, spectators and the maritime public. Entry into, transit through, mooring or anchoring within the specified race area is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Puget Sound or Designated Representatives.

DATES: The regulations in 33 CFR 100.1309 will be enforced from 11 a.m. through 5 p.m. on September 3, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about this notice of enforcement, call or email Petty Officer Zachary Spence, Sector Puget Sound Waterways Management Division, U.S. Coast Guard; telephone 206–217–6051, email SectorPugetSoundWWW@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Coast Guard will enforce Special Local Regulations for Olympia Harbor Days Tug Boat Races, Budd Inlet, WA in 33 CFR 100.1309 on September 3, 2017, from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m.

The following area is specified as a race area: All waters of Budd Inlet, WA the width of the navigation channel south of a line connecting the following points: 47°05′53″N., 122°55′84″W. and 47°05′52″N., 122°55′68″W. until reaching the northermost end of the navigation channel at a line connecting the following points: 47°05′10″N., 122°55′79″W. and 47°05′13″N., 122°55′65″W. then southeasterly until reaching the southermost entrance of the navigation channel at a line connecting the following points: 47°3′46″N., 122°54′57″W., 47°04′00″N., 122°4′47″W.

Under the provisions of 33 CFR 100.1309, the regulated area shall be closed immediately prior to, during and immediately after the event to all persons and vessels not participating in the event and authorized by the event sponsor. This action is necessary to ensure the safety of participants, spectators and the maritime public. Entry into, transit through, mooring or anchoring within the specified race area is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Puget Sound or Designated Representatives. All persons or vessels who desire to enter the race area while it is enforced must obtain permission from the on-scene patrol craft on VHF channel 13.

This notice of enforcement is issued under authority of 33 CFR 100.1309 and 5 U.S.C. 552. In addition to this document in the Federal Register, the Coast Guard will provide the maritime community with advance notification of this enforcement period via the Local Notice to Mariners. If the Captain of the Port determines that the regulated area need not be enforced for the full duration stated in this notice, she may use a Broadcast Notice to Mariners to grant general permission to enter the regulated area.


Linda A. Sturgis,
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port Puget Sound.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117
[Docket No. USCG–2017–0231]

Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Hutchinson River, New York, NY

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from drawbridge regulation; modification.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard has modified a temporary deviation from the operating schedule that governs the Hutchinson River Parkway Bridge across the Hutchinson River, mile 0.9 at New York, New York. This deviation is necessary to complete application of protective coating on the bridge as well as maintenance of operating machinery. This modified deviation allows the bridge to remain in the closed-to-navigation position for periods of up to two weeks in order to expedite work efforts.

DATES: This deviation is effective without actual notice from August 28, 2017 through 12:01 a.m. on September 29, 2017. For the purposes of enforcement, actual notice will be used from 12:01 a.m. on August 22, 2017 until August 28, 2017.

ADDRESSES: The docket for this deviation, USCG–2017–0231 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 modified temporary deviation, call or email James M. Moore, Bridge Management Specialist, First District Bridge Branch, U.S. Coast Guard; telephone 212–514–4334, email james.m.moore2@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The New York City Department of Transportation, the owner of the bridge, requested a temporary deviation from the normal operating schedule to facilitate application of protective coating to the bridge as well as maintenance of operating machinery. The Hutchinson River Parkway Bridge, across the Hutchinson River, mile 0.9 at New York, New York has a vertical clearance of 30 feet at mean high water and 38 feet at mean low water in the closed position. The existing drawbridge operating regulations are listed at 33 CFR 117.793(b).

On May 1, 2017, the Coast Guard published a temporary deviation entitled “Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Hutchinson River, New York, NY” in the Federal Register (82 FR 20257). On July 6, 2017, the Coast Guard published a modified temporary deviation entitled “Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Hutchinson River, New York, NY” in the Federal Register (82 FR 31254). Under that modified temporary deviation, the draw of the Hutchinson River Parkway Bridge would remain closed to navigation for a period not to exceed 14 days; the draw would then open for vessels in accordance with established operating regulations for a period not to exceed 7 days, after which the cycle would repeat. Between September 1, 2017 and September 29, 2017, the draw would remain closed to navigation for a period not to exceed 7 days; the draw would then open for vessels in accordance with established operating regulations for another 7 days, after which the cycle would repeat.

In the interest of expediting work efforts and closing the project out this year, the New York City Department of Transportation has requested that between August 18, 2017 and September 29, 2017 the draw of the Hutchinson River Parkway Bridge remain closed to navigation for a period not to exceed 14 days; the draw will then open for vessels in accordance with established operating regulations for a period not to exceed 7 days, after which the cycle will repeat.

Vessels that can pass under the bridge without an opening may do so at all times. The bridge will not be able to open for emergencies. There is no 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 transit to minimize any impact caused by the temporary deviation.