

rescue, law enforcement, and recreational.

The drawspan will be secured in the closed-to-navigation position from 8 a.m. through noon on October 20, 2017, to allow the bridge owner to install necessary electrical equipment inside the bridge machinery room and operator house. 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 any time. The bridge will not be able to open for emergencies. Los Angeles Harbor can be used as an alternate route for vessels unable to pass through the bridge in the closed position. 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 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: October 10, 2017.

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District Bridge Chief, Eleventh Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[Docket No. USCG-2017-0959]

Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Grand Lake, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana

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 Black Bayou Pontoon Bridge on State Road 384 across the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) at mile marker (MM) 237.5, West of Harvey Locks (WHL) at Grand Lake, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana. The deviation is necessary to make extensive repairs to the bridge.

DATES: This deviation is effective without actual notice from October 16,

2017 until December 20, 2017. For the purposes of enforcement, actual notice will be used from October 9, 2017 until October 16, 2017.

ADDRESSES: The docket for this deviation, USCG-2017-0959 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 Douglas Blakemore, Bridge Administration Branch, Coast Guard; telephone 504-671-2128, email Douglas.A.Blakemore@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LA-DOTD) has requested to change the operating schedule that governs the Black Bayou Pontoon Bridge on State Road 384 across the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) mile 237.5 West of Harvey Locks (WHL) at Grand Lake, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana. Closures to navigation traffic are required to make extensive repairs to the bridge protective system, tower and mechanical systems. This bridge operates under 33 CFR 117.5.

This deviation allows the bridge to close to vessel traffic during specific dates and times from October 9, 2017 through December 20, 2017 as follows: October 9-10, 2017 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; October 18-19, 2017 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; October 23-26 from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; October 30-31, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; November 7, 2017 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; November 17-18, 2017 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; November 20-22 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; November 27, 2017 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; November 28-30, 2017 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; December 1-2, 2017 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; December 4-7, 2017 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; December 11-12, 2017 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; December 13, 2017 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; December 14-16, 2017 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; December 18-19, 2017 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

During the above periods of closures, vessels will not be able to pass through the bridge.

Navigation at the site primarily consists of tugs and tows. The bridge will be able to open to vessel traffic during emergencies. The Coast Guard will inform waterways users of the bridge closures through Local and Broadcast Notices to Mariners 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 will return to its regular operating schedule immediately at the end of the effective period of this temporary deviation. This deviation from the operating regulation is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.

Dated: October 10, 2017.

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Bridge Administrator, Eight Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 155

[Docket No. USCG-2016-0437]

Update to Alternative Planning Criteria National Guidelines

AGENCY: Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: National guidelines; update.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard announces the availability of the updated alternative planning criteria national guidelines for vessel response plans (VRPs). These national guidelines provide the maritime industry with updated information on developing and submitting alternative planning criteria (alternatives). Furthermore, they facilitate consistency in the Coast Guard's review of proposed alternatives.

DATES: The updated alternative planning criteria national guidelines are available on October 16, 2017. The Coast Guard recommends that new alternatives and alternatives submitted for renewal follow the updated alternative planning criteria national guidelines. Requests for extension of currently accepted alternatives may be approved for a period not to exceed six months from the date of expiration.

ADDRESSES: MER Policy Letter 01-17: Alternative Planning Criteria National Guidelines for Vessel Response Plans is available in our online docket at <http://www.regulations.gov>, and on <https://homeport.uscg.mil> under Environmental > Vessel Response Plan Program. Comments and material received from the public, as well as documents mentioned in this notice of availability, are in our online docket at <http://www.regulations.gov> and can be viewed by following that Web site's instructions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information about this