DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117
[Docket No. USCG–2018–0342]

Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, Palm Beach, FL

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 Southern Boulevard Bridge across the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, mile 1024.7, at Palm Beach, FL. The deviation is necessary to facilitate the installation of a temporary lift bridge adjacent to the existing bascule bridge, which will be used during the bridge replacement of the Southern Boulevard Bridge. The existing bridge is a double-leaf bascule bridge with a vertical clearance of 14 feet at mean high water in the closed to navigation position. The temporary lift bridge will have a vertical clearance of 14 feet in the closed position and 65 feet in the lifted position at mean high water.

The existing bridge operating regulation is set out in 33 CFR 117.261(w). Under this temporary deviation, the bridge will remain in the closed to navigation position from 7 a.m. on April 10, 2018 through 6 p.m. on April 16, 2018. From 6:01 p.m. on April 16, 2018 through 6 p.m. on April 30, 2018, both the existing bascule bridge and the temporary lift bridge will open with a four (4) hour advanced notice to the bridge tender. The vertical clearance will be reduced to 65 feet until the completion of the bridge replacement project.

The Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway is used by a variety of vessels including U.S. government vessels, small commercial vessels, recreational vessels and tugs and barge traffic. The Coast Guard has carefully considered the restrictions with waterway users in publishing this temporary deviation.

For the duration of the temporary lift bridge installation, 7 a.m. on April 10, 2018 through 6 p.m. on April 16, 2018, vessels will not be allowed to pass through the bridge for safety reasons. From 6:01 p.m. on April 16, 2018 through 6 p.m. on April 30, 2018, 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 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.

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[Docket No. USCG–2018–0199]

Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Willamette River, Portland, OR

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 Broadway Bridge across the Willamette River, mile 11.7, at Portland, OR. The deviation is necessary to accommodate the Portland Race for the Roses event. This deviation allows the bridge to remain in the closed-to-navigation position to facilitate the safe movement of event participants across the bridge.

DATES: This deviation is effective from 5 a.m. to Noon on April 29, 2018.

ADDRESSES: The docket for this deviation, USCG–2018–0199, 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: Should you have questions on this temporary deviation, call or email Mr. Steven Fischer, Bridge Administrator, Thirteenth Coast Guard District; telephone 206–220–7282, email Steven.M.Fischer@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Multnomah County, the bridge owner, requested the Broadway Bridge be allowed to remain in closed-to-navigation position to vessel traffic to facilitate the safe, uninterrupted roadway passage of participants in the Portland Race for the Roses event. The Broadway Bridge crosses the Willamette River at mile 11.7, and provides 90 feet of vertical clearance above Columbia River Datum 0.0 while in the closed-to-navigation position. This bridge operates in accordance with 33 CFR 117.897. This deviation allows the Broadway Bridge to not open to marine vessels from 5 a.m. to Noon (12 p.m.) on