

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
Coast Guard
33 CFR Part 117
[Docket No. USCG–2018–0408]
Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, Harvey, LA
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 Lapalco Boulevard Bridge, Harvey Canal Route, mile 2.8, over the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, in Harvey, LA. The deviation is necessary to accommodate maintenance and replacement of various bridge components. This deviation allows the bridge to remain in the closed-to-navigation position for two separate seven-day periods.

DATES: This deviation is effective from 6 a.m. on July 23, 2018 through 6 a.m. on August 13, 2018.

ADDRESSES: The docket for this deviation, USCG–2018–0408 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 Ms. Donna Gagliano, Bridge Branch Office, Eighth District, U.S. Coast Guard; telephone 504–671–2128, email Donna.Gagliano@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The owner of the bridge, Jefferson Parish, has requested a temporary deviation from the operating schedule for the Lapalco Boulevard Bridge, Harvey Canal Route, mile 2.8 over the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway in Harvey, LA to remain in the closed-to-navigation position to marine traffic for maintenance and component replacement activities over two separate seven-day periods. The bascule span drawbridge has a vertical clearance of 45 feet above mean high water in the closed-to-navigation position.

The current operating schedule is set out in 33 CFR 117.451(a). This temporary deviation allows the bridge to remain in the closed-to-navigation position from 6 a.m. on July 23, 2018 through 6 a.m. on July 30, 2018, and from 6 a.m. on August 6, 2018 through 6 a.m. on August 13, 2018. This temporary deviation is necessary in

order to replace the motors and brakes necessary for the operation of the bridge.

Navigation on the waterway consists mainly of tugs with tows, with some commercial fishing vessels and recreational 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 during these repairs. However, an alternate route is available via the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway Algiers Alternate Route. The Coast Guard will also inform the waterway users of the change in operating schedule for the bridge through our Local Notice 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 must return to its regular operating schedule immediately at the end of each of the effective time periods. This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.

Dated: June 19, 2018.

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Bridge Administrator, U.S. Coast Guard Eighth District.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
Coast Guard
33 CFR Part 165
[Docket No. USCG–2018–0571]
RIN 1625–AA00
Safety Zone; Port Huron Blue Water Festival Fireworks, St. Clair River, Port Huron, MI
AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary safety zone for navigable waters within a 420-foot radius of a portion of the St. Clair River, Port Huron, MI. This zone is necessary to protect spectators and vessels from potential hazards associated with the Blue Water Festival Fireworks.

DATES: This temporary final rule is effective from 10 p.m. on July 21, 2018 through 10:30 p.m. on July 22, 2018.

ADDRESSES: To view documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, type USCG–2018–

0571 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 temporary rule, call or email Tracy Girard, Prevention Department, Sector Detroit, Coast Guard; telephone 313–568–9564, or email Tracy.M.Girard@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
I. Table of Abbreviations

CFR Code of Federal Regulations
 COTP Captain of the Port Detroit
 DHS Department of Homeland Security
 FR Federal Register
 NPRM Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
 § Section
 U.S.C. United States Code

II. Background Information and Regulatory History

The Coast Guard is issuing this temporary rule without prior notice and opportunity to comment pursuant to authority under section 4(a) of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) (5 U.S.C. 553(b)). This provision authorizes an agency to issue a rule without prior notice and opportunity to comment when the agency for good cause finds that those procedures are “impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest.” Under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for not publishing a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) with respect to this rule because doing so would be impracticable. The Coast Guard did not receive the final details of this fireworks display in time to publish an NPRM. As such, it is impracticable to publish an NPRM because we lack sufficient time to provide a reasonable comment period and then consider those comments before issuing the rule.

Under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for making this rule effective less than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register**. Delaying the effective date of this rule would inhibit the Coast Guard’s ability to protect participants, mariners and vessels from the hazards associated with this event.

III. Legal Authority and Need for Rule

The Coast Guard is issuing this rule under authority in 33 U.S.C. 1231. The Captain of the Port Detroit (COTP) has determined that potential hazard associated with fireworks from 10 p.m. on July 21, 2018 through 10:30 p.m. on July 22, 2018 will be a safety concern to anyone within a 420-foot radius of the launch site. This rule is needed to protect personnel, vessels, and the