DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117
[Docket No. USCG–2018–0153]

Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Sacramento River, Sacramento, CA

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 Tower Drawbridge over the Sacramento River, mile 59.0, at Sacramento, CA. The deviation is necessary to allow the bridge owner to conduct mechanical and electrical rehabilitation work on the bridge. This deviation allows the bridge to remain in the closed-to-navigation position during the deviation period.

DATES: This deviation is effective without actual notice from October 19, 2018 through 6 a.m. on December 1, 2018. For the purposes of enforcement, actual notice will be used from 6 a.m. on October 8, 2018 until October 19, 2018.

ADDRESSES: The docket for this deviation, USCG–2018–0153, 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 Carl T. Hausner, Chief, Bridge Section, Eleventh Coast Guard District; telephone 510–437–3516, email Carl.T.Hausner@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The California Department of Transportation has requested a temporary change to the operation of the Tower Drawbridge, mile 59.0, over the 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 6 a.m. on October 8, 2018 through 6 a.m. on December 1, 2018, to allow the bridge owner to replace the bridge’s wire rope and traveler cable and to conduct chain and trunnion bearing inspection and servicing. 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 be able to open for emergencies if at least 72-hour notice is given to the bridge operator. 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.


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

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[Docket No. USCG–2018–0300]

Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Willamette River at Portland, OR

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of deviation from drawbridge regulation; modification.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard has modified a temporary deviation from the operating schedule that governs the Burnside Bridge across the Willamette River, mile 12.4, at Portland, OR. The deviation is necessary to accommodate bridge repairs and upgrades. This modified deviation extends the period the Burnside Bridge is authorized to operate in single leaf mode.

DATES: This deviation is effective without actual notice from October 19, 2018 to 4 p.m. on November 30, 2018. For purposes of enforcement, actual notice will be used from 6 a.m. on October 13, 2018, to October 19, 2018.

ADDRESSES: The docket for this deviation, USCG–2018–0300, 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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 7, 2018, we published a temporary deviation entitled Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Willamette River at Portland, OR, in the Federal Register (83 FR 26364). That temporary deviation allowed Multnomah County to operate the subject bridge in single leaf, and reduce the vertical clearance from 7 a.m. on July 1, 2018 to 4 p.m. on October 13, 2018. While performing upgrades and repairs, the contracting company informed Multnomah County more time will be needed to complete the job. This modification is required to extend the authorized time so bridge work crews may complete bridge upgrades and repairs. Multnomah County owns and operates the Burnside Bridge. Multnomah County requested an extension to the current published temporary deviation, and is authorized to operate the Burnside Bridge in single leaf, and maintain the east leaf closed to marine vessels from 4 p.m. on October 13, 2018 to 4 p.m. on November 30, 2018.

The Burnside Bridge provides a vertical clearance of 41 feet in the closed-to-navigation position referenced to Columbia River Datum 0.0, and the east leaf will be reduced to 31 feet with scaffolding installed. The horizontal clearance for the west leaf opening will be 100 feet. The normal operating schedule is in 33 CFR 117.897. Waterway usage on this part of the Willamette River includes vessels ranging from commercial tug and barge to small pleasure craft. The Coast Guard contacted all known users of the Willamette River for comment, and we received no objections for this deviation.

Vessels able to pass through the bridge in the closed-to-navigation position may do so at any time. The bridge will be able to open the west side of the span only for emergencies, and there is no immediate alternate route for vessels to pass. The Coast Guard will inform the users of the waterway, through our Local and Broadcast Notices to Mariners, of the change in operating schedule for the bridges so that vessels 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 schedules 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.


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

I. Background, Purpose, and Legal Basis

On June 18, 2018, a wedding party notified the Coast Guard that it will be conducting a fireworks display from 11:15 p.m. to 11:45 p.m. on October 19, 2018. The fireworks are to be launched from a barge in the Delaware River adjacent to Penn’s Landing in Philadelphia, PA. In response, on September 28, 2018, the Coast Guard published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) titled Safety Zone; Delaware River; Penn’s Landing; Philadelphia, PA; Fireworks Display.

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 be impracticable and contrary to the public interest because immediate action is needed to mitigate the potential safety hazards associated with a fireworks display in this location.

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 (COTP) has determined that potential hazards associated with the fireworks display on October 19, 2018, will be a safety concern for anyone within 500 feet of a fireworks barge in the Delaware River adjacent to Penn’s Landing in Philadelphia, PA. The barge will be anchored in approximate position 39°37′05.26″ N Latitude 075°08′10.85″ W Longitude. Persons or vessels will not be permitted to enter, transit through, or remain within the safety zone without obtaining permission from the COTP or a designated representative.

If authorization to enter, transit, or remain within the safety zone is granted by the COTP or a designated representative, all persons and vessels receiving such authorization must comply with the instructions of the COTP or a designated representative. The Coast Guard will provide public notice of the safety zone by Broadcast Notice to Mariners and on-scene actual notice.

V. Regulatory Analyses

We developed this rule after considering numerous statutes and Executive orders related to rulemaking. Below we summarize our analyses based on a number of these statutes and Executive orders, and we discuss First Amendment rights of protestors.

A. Regulatory Planning and Review

Executive Orders 12866 and 13563 direct agencies to assess the costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, if regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits. Executive Order 13771 directs agencies to control regulatory costs through a budgeting process. This rule has not been designated a “significant regulatory action,” under Executive Order 12866. Accordingly, this rule has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and pursuant to OMB guidance it is exempt from the requirements of Executive Order 13771.

This regulatory action determination is based on the size, location, duration, and time-of-day of the safety zone. Vessel traffic would be able to safely transit around this safety zone which will impact a small designated area of the Delaware River for one hour during the evening when vessel traffic is normally low. Moreover, the Coast Guard would issue a Broadcast Notice to