

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[Docket No. USCG–2018–0271]

Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Barnegat Bay, New Jersey Intracoastal Waterway, Seaside Heights, NJ

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 U.S. Route 37 (Mathis) Bridge across the Barnegat Bay, New Jersey Intracoastal Waterway, mile 14.1, at Seaside Heights, NJ. The deviation is necessary to facilitate routine maintenance. This deviation allows the bridge to remain in the closed-to-navigation position.

DATES: This deviation is effective without actual notice from April 4, 2018 through 8 p.m. on April 16, 2018. For the purposes of enforcement, actual notice will be used from 12:01 a.m. on April 1, 2018 until April 4, 2018.

ADDRESSES: The docket for this deviation, [USCG–2018–0271] 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. Mickey Sanders, Bridge Administration Branch Fifth District, Coast Guard; telephone (757) 398–6587, email Mickey.D.Sanders2@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The New Jersey Department of Transportation, owner and operator of the U.S. Route 37 (Mathis) Bridge across the Barnegat Bay, New Jersey Intracoastal Waterway, mile 14.1, at Seaside Heights, NJ, has requested a temporary deviation from the current operating schedule to accommodate routine maintenance. Under this temporary deviation, the bridge will be maintained in the closed-to-navigation position from 12:01 a.m. on April 1, 2018, to 8 p.m. on April 16, 2018. The current operating schedule is set out in 33 CFR 117.733(c).

The Barnegat Bay, New Jersey Intracoastal Waterway is used by a variety of vessels including small commercial vessels, recreational vessels and tug and barge traffic. The Coast Guard has carefully considered the

restrictions with waterway users in publishing this temporary deviation.

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 unable to pass through the bridge in the closed position. The Coast Guard will also inform the users of the waterways through our Local and Broadcast Notice 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 this temporary deviation.

In accordance with 33 CFR 117.35(e), the drawbridge must return to its regular operating schedule immediately at the end of this effective period of this temporary deviation. This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.

Dated: March 30, 2018.

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Bridge Program Manager, Fifth Coast Guard District.

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33 CFR Part 165

[Docket Number USCG–2018–0182]

RIN 1625–AA00

Safety Zone; Recurring Fireworks Display Within the Fifth Coast Guard District

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary safety zone for certain waters of the Upper Potomac River. This action is necessary to provide for the safety of life on navigable waters during the National Cherry Blossom Festival fireworks display in the Washington Channel, Washington, DC, on April 7, 2018. This rulemaking will prohibit persons and vessels from entering the safety zone unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Maryland-National Capital Region or a designated representative.

DATES: This rule is effective from 8 p.m. on April 7, 2018 through 9:30 p.m. on April 8, 2018.

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

0182 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 rule, call or email Mr. Ronald Houck, Sector Maryland-National Capital Region Waterways Management Division, U.S. Coast Guard; telephone 410–576–2674, email Ronald.L.Houck@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Table of Abbreviations

CFR Code of Federal Regulations
COTP Captain of the Port
DHS Department of Homeland Security
E.O. Executive Order
FR Federal Register
NPRM Notice of proposed rulemaking
§ Section
U.S.C. United States Code

II. Background Information and Regulatory History

On January 9, 2018, and February 2, 2018, the Coast Guard was notified by the event sponsor that a change of location was necessary to that currently listed for the annually scheduled National Cherry Blossom Festival fireworks display in 33 CFR 165.506. Entry (b)(1) in the Table to 33 CFR 165.506 for Recurring Fireworks Displays within the Fifth Coast Guard District specifies the location of the regulated area for this safety zone as a circular shaped area that includes all waters of the Upper Potomac River, within 170 yard radius of the fireworks barge in approximate position latitude 38°52′20.3″ N, longitude 077°01′17.5″ W, located within the Washington Channel, at Washington Harbor, DC. The location of the fireworks display for this year is changed approximately 1,000 yards upstream and its size is reduced, to include all waters of the Washington Channel within 200 feet of the fireworks barge in approximate position latitude 38°52′45.49″ N, longitude 077°01′41.06″ W, located in Washington, DC. Hazards from fireworks displays include accidental discharge of fireworks, dangerous projectiles, and falling hot embers or other debris. The COTP has determined that potential hazards associated with the fireworks to be used in this display would be a safety concern for anyone within 200 feet of the fireworks barge.

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