

IV. 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.

A. Impact on Small Entities

The regulatory flexibility analysis provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980, 5 U.S.C. 601–612, do not apply to rules that are not subject to notice and comment. Because the Coast Guard has, for good cause, waived the notice and comment requirement that would otherwise apply to this rulemaking, the Regulatory Flexibility Act's flexibility analysis provisions do not apply here.

Under section 213(a) of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104–121), if this rule will affect your small business, organization, or governmental jurisdiction and you have questions, contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Small businesses may send comments to the Small Business and Agriculture Regulatory Enforcement Ombudsman and the Regional Small Business Regulatory Fairness Boards by calling 1–888–REG–FAIR (1–888–734–3247). The Coast Guard will not retaliate against small entities that question or complain about this rule or any policy or action of the Coast Guard.

B. Collection of Information

This rule will not call for a new collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520).

C. Federalism and Indian Tribal Governments

We have analyzed this rule under Executive Order 13132, Federalism, and have determined that it is consistent with the fundamental federalism principles and preemption requirements described in that Order.

Also, this rule does not have tribal implications under Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments, because it does not have a substantial direct effect on one or more Indian tribes, on the relationship between the Federal Government and Indian tribes, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities between the Federal Government and Indian tribes.

D. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

As required by The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531–1538), the Coast Guard certifies

that this rule will not result in an annual expenditure of \$100,000,000 or more (adjusted for inflation) by a State, local, or tribal government, in the aggregate, or by the private sector.

E. Environment

We have analyzed this rule under Department of Homeland Security Directive 023–01, Rev. 1, associated implementing instructions, and Environmental Planning COMDTINST 5090.1 (series), which guide the Coast Guard in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), and have determined that this action is one of a category of actions that do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment.

This rule is a special regulated area. It is categorically excluded from further review under paragraph L61.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 100

Harbors, Marine safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Security measures, Waterways.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard amends 33 CFR part 100 as follows:

PART 100—SAFETY OF LIFE ON NAVIGABLE WATERS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 100 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 46 U.S.C. 70041; 33 CFR 1.05–1.

■ 2. Add § 100.T999–0291 to read as follows:

§ 100.T999–0291 Special Local Regulation; Genesee River, Rochester, NY.

(a) *Location.* This special local regulation applies to the following regulated area: All waters of Genesee River, from surface to bottom, encompassed by a line connecting the following points beginning at 43°15′24.98″ N, 077°36′18.94″ W, thence to 43°15′23.07″ N, 077°36′15.72″ W, thence to 43°15′17.30″ N, 077°36′22.72″ W, thence to 43°15′18.80″ N, 077°36′26.08″ W, and along the shoreline back to the beginning point. Vessels transiting around the special regulated area must operate at a no wake speed, in a manner that will not endanger participants or other crafts in the event. These coordinates are based on the North American Datum 83 (NAD 83).

(b) *Definitions.* As used in this section, *designated representative* means a Coast Guard Patrol Commander, including a Coast Guard

coxswain, petty officer, or other officer operating a Coast Guard vessel and a Federal, State, and local officer designated by or assisting the Captain of the Port Eastern Great Lakes (COTP) in the enforcement of the regulated area. *Participant* means all persons and vessels registered with the event sponsor as a participant in the race.

(c) *Regulations.* (1) All non-participants are prohibited from entering, transiting through, anchoring in, or remaining within the regulated area described in paragraph (a) of this section unless authorized by the COTP or their designated representative.

(2) To seek permission to enter, contact the COTP or the COTP's representative on VHF–FM channel 16 or by telephone at (888) 230–4703. Those in the regulated area must comply with all lawful orders or directions given to them by the COTP or the COTP's designated representative.

(d) *Enforcement period.* This section will be enforced from 11:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on June 20, 2026.

Matthew J. Walter,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port Eastern Great Lakes.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 100

[Docket Number USCG–2026–0548]

RIN 1625–AA08

Special Local Regulation; Marine Events Within the USCG East District

AGENCY: Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is amending its special local regulations (SLR) for marine events within the USCG East District by adding SLRs for three recurring events located in the Virginia Captain of the Port Zone. This Final Rule will provide for the safety of life on the navigable waters of the York River, the East River, and the Elizabeth River Western Branch during high speed boat races which are typically held on each of those rivers annually.

DATES: This rule is effective June 8, 2026.

ADDRESSES: To view available documents go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for USCG–2026–0548.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about this rule, contact LCDR Justin Z. Strassfield, Sector Virginia Waterways Management Division, U.S. Coast Guard; by phone, at (206) 815-7367, or by email, at VirginiaWaterways@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Table of Abbreviations

CFR Code of Federal Regulations
 COTP Captain of the Port
 DHS Department of Homeland Security
 FR Federal Register
 NPRM Notice of proposed rulemaking
 § Section
 SLR Special Local Regulation
 U.S.C. United States Code

II. Background and Authority

Coast Guard regulations define “regatta or marine parade” as an organized water event of limited duration which is conducted according to a prearranged schedule. 33 CFR 100.05(a). And, as explained in 33 CFR 100.15, Coast Guard requires that an organization planning to hold a regatta or marine event apply for a permit if the event, by its nature, circumstances, or location, will introduce extra or unusual hazards to the safety of life on the navigable waters of the United States. These permits may be approved by the Coast Guard, or by the state in which the event is to take place, if there is a Coast Guard-State agreement in place. See 33 CFR 100.10. Upon the approval of an application, the Captain of the Port, Sector Virginia (COTP) may promulgate such “Special Local Regulations” (SLR’s) as he or she deems necessary to ensure safety of life on the navigable waters immediately prior to, during, and immediately after the event. See 33 CFR 100.35(a).

Within the USCG East District, the Coast Guard has compiled many recurring SLRs in one regulation, 33 CFR 100.501. Within § 100.501, these SLRs are arranged in tables, organized by Captain of the Port Zone. We are now proposing to add three recurring marine events to the table for the Virginia Captain of the Port Zone. General provisions of § 100.501, such as definitions, controls on vessel movement, and Coast Guard contact information will apply to these SLRs. In past years, we had promulgated temporary final rules to address particular instances of one of these events. As we anticipate that these events will continue to occur annually for the foreseeable future, we are establishing a permanent SLR for each of the events.

The three events each involve high speed boat races. East River Fest is

located on the East River at the Williams Wharf in Mathews, VA. The event is a boat docking contest sponsored by the Mathews Volunteer Fire Department. Multiple commercial workboats will compete to be the fastest boat to moor at designated boat slips at the Williams Wharf.

Power Boats at the Park is located on the Elizabeth River Western Branch near Portsmouth City Park in Portsmouth, VA. The event is a high speed boat race sponsored by the Portsmouth Power Boat Association. Multiple vintage and historic recreational vessels will perform on a designated course, sometimes at a high rate of speed. Yorktown Battle of the Boats is located on the York River in the vicinity of the Coleman Bridge in Yorktown, VA. The event is a high speed boat race and a boat docking contest sponsored by the County of York. Multiple fishing boats will race on a predetermined race course as well as compete to be the fastest boat to moor up to mooring pilings at the Yorktown waterfront piers.

On May 15, 2026, the Coast Guard published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) titled Special Local Regulation; Marine Events Within the USCG East District (91 FR 27881). In that NPRM, we stated why we issued the NPRM and invited comments on our proposed regulatory action related to these high speed boat races.

The COTP has determined that a rule is necessary to protect personnel, vessels, and the marine environment from potential hazards associated with the high speed boat races. The COTP is issuing this rule under the authority of 46 U.S.C. 70041. Under this rule, no vessel or person will be permitted to enter the special local regulation without obtaining permission from the COTP or their designated representative.

The Coast Guard finds that under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3), good cause exists for making this rule effective less than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register** because it is impracticable to do so if the rule is to be in effect by June 6, 2026, the date this year’s Yorktown Battle of the Boats is scheduled to occur.

III. Discussion of Comments and the Rule

During the comment period that ended on May 20, 2026, we did not receive any comments. There are no changes in the regulatory text of this rule from the proposed rule in the NPRM.

The first proposed SLR will establish a regulated area which will be subject to enforcement on one Saturday in June or July of each year. This year, it will be

subject to enforcement June 20, 2026, from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. The SLR will be located on the East River and will encompass a small portion of the waterway around Williams Wharf in Mathews, VA.

The second proposed SLR will establish a regulated area which will be subject to enforcement on the second or third Saturday and Sunday of August of each year, beginning August 15–16, 2026, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. each day. The SLR will encompass the racing area located within a portion of the waters of the Elizabeth River Western Branch in Portsmouth, VA.

The third proposed SLR will establish a regulated area on the first Saturday and Sunday in June of each year, beginning June 6–7, 2026, from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. each day. The event includes two regulated areas on the York River. The first regulated area will encompass a portion of the waters of the York River in the vicinity of the Coleman Bridge in Yorktown, VA on Saturday for a high speed boat race. The second regulated area will encompass a portion of the waters of the York River within the docking basin between the two Yorktown Waterfront Piers in Yorktown, VA on Sunday for a boat docking contest.

No vessel or person will be permitted to enter the special local regulation without obtaining permission from the COTP or a designated representative.

IV. 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.

A. Impact on Small Entities

The Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980, 5 U.S.C. 601–612, as amended, requires Federal agencies to consider the potential impact of regulations on small entities during rulemaking. The term “small entities” comprises small businesses, not-for-profit organizations that are independently owned and operated and are not dominant in their fields, and governmental jurisdictions with populations of less than 50,000. The Coast Guard certifies under 5 U.S.C. 605(b) that this proposed rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities for the following reasons.

Vessel traffic will be able to safely transit around the regulated areas which will be subject to the rules. This regulation will only impact a small area for a few hours. The enforcement periods will occur during times when

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Peggy M. Britton,*Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port, Sector Virginia.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**Coast Guard****33 CFR Part 100**

[Docket No. USCG–2026–0674]

Special Local Regulations; Marine Events Within the USCG East District**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.**ACTION:** Notification of enforcement of regulation.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard will enforce a special local regulation for the Blackbeard Festival, on the Hampton River, from June 13 through 14, 2026, to provide for the safety of life on navigable waterways during this event. Our regulation for marine events within the USCG East District identifies the regulated area for this event in Hampton, VA. During the enforcement periods, the operator of any vessel in the regulated area must comply with directions from the Patrol Commander or any Official Patrol displaying a Coast Guard ensign.

DATES: The regulations in 33 CFR 100.501 will be enforced for the Blackbeard Festival regulated area listed in Table 3 to paragraph (i)(3) to § 100.501 from 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on June 13 and 14, 2026; and from 9 p.m. to 10 p.m. on June 13, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about this notification of enforcement, call or email LCDR Justin Z. Strassfield, Sector Virginia Waterways Management Division, U.S. Coast Guard; by phone, at (206) 815–7367, or by email, at VirginiaWaterways@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Coast Guard will enforce the special local regulation in 33 CFR 100.501 for Blackbeard Festivals regulated area from 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on June 13 and June 14, 2026, rather than on the first weekend of June. The enforcement period announced here differs from the enforcement periods noted for Blackbeard Festival in Table 3 to paragraph (i)(3), but, as noted in paragraph (c) of § 100.501, the enforcement periods for each special local regulation identified in paragraph (i) of this section are subject to change.

This action is being taken to provide for the safety of life on navigable waterways during this event. Section 100.501 specifies the location of the regulated area, which encompasses portions of the Hampton River in Hampton, VA. During the enforcement period, the entry of vessels or persons into this zone is prohibited unless specifically authorized by the Captain of the Port, Sector Virginia.

In addition to this notification of enforcement in the **Federal Register**, the Coast Guard plans to provide notification of this enforcement period via the Local Notice to Mariners and marine information broadcasts.

Peggy M. Britton,*Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port, Sector Virginia.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**Coast Guard****33 CFR Part 165**

[Docket Number USCG–2026–0405]

RIN 1625–AA00

Safety Zone; James River, Richmond, VA**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.**ACTION:** Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary safety zone for certain navigable waters of the James River. The safety zone is needed to protect personnel, vessels, and the marine environment from potential hazards created by a fireworks display. This rulemaking prohibits persons and vessels from being in the safety zone unless specifically authorized by the Captain of the Port, Sector Virginia.

DATES: This rule is effective from 9 p.m. to 10 p.m. on June 13, 2026.

ADDRESSES: To view available documents go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for USCG–2026–0405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about this rule, contact LCDR Justin Z. Strassfield, Sector Virginia Waterways Management Division, U.S. Coast Guard; by phone, at (206) 815–7367, or by email, at VirginiaWaterways@uscg.mil.

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II. Background and Authority

On December 18, 2025, the Virginia Museum of History and Culture notified the Coast Guard that they will be launching fireworks from land adjacent to the James River in Richmond, VA on June 13, 2026. Hazards from fireworks displays include accidental discharge of fireworks, dangerous projectiles, and falling hot embers or other debris. The Captain of the Port Sector Virginia (COTP) has determined that potential hazards associated with fireworks are a safety concern for anyone within 400 feet of the fireworks display. Therefore, the COTP is establishing this rule under the authority in 46 U.S.C. 70034, which is needed to protect personnel, vessels, and the marine environment in the navigable waters within the safety zone. On May 12, 2026, the Coast Guard published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) titled Safety Zone; James River, Richmond, VA (91 FR 25840). In that NPRM, we stated why we issued the NPRM and invited comments on our proposed regulatory action related to this firework display.

Under the authority in 46 U.S.C. 70034, the COTP has determined that this rule is necessary to protect personnel, vessels, and the marine environment from potential hazards associated with the fireworks display. No vessel or person will be permitted to enter the safety zone without obtaining permission from the COTP or their designated representative.

Because of the hazards associated with this event, the Coast Guard finds that under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3), good cause exists for making this rule effective less than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register** because it is impracticable and contrary to the public interest. We must establish this safety zone by June 13, 2026, to protect personnel, vessels, and the marine environment.

III. Discussion of Comments and the Rule

During the comment period that ended on May 27, 2026, we received zero comments. There are no changes in the regulatory text of this rule from the proposed rule in the NPRM.

This rule establishes a safety zone from 9 p.m. to 10 p.m. on June 13, 2026. The safety zone covers all navigable waters within the following positions: 37°31'18" N, 077°25'10" W; 37°31'19" N,