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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.

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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.

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
U.S.C. United States Code

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,