

## PART 51—ENVIRONMENTAL CRITERIA AND STANDARDS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 51 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 3535(d), unless otherwise noted.

### § 51.104 [Amended]

■ 2. In § 51.104(b)(2), remove the words “Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development” and add, in their place, the words “Program Assistant Secretary or their designee”.

**Ronald Kurtz,**

*Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

#### 33 CFR Part 100

[Docket Number USCG–2026–1086]

RIN 1625–AA08

#### Special Local Regulation; North East, North East, MD

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Temporary final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary special local regulation (SLR) for certain waters of the North East River, near North East, MD. This action is necessary to provide for the safety of life on these navigable waters during a power boat racing event on September 12, 2026 (Rain date: September 13, 2026). This regulation prohibits persons and vessels from entering the regulated area unless specifically authorized by the Captain of the Port Sector Maryland-National Capital Region or their designated representative.

**DATES:** This rule is effective from 8 a.m. on September 12, 2026, through 6 p.m. on September 13, 2026. It will only be subject to enforcement, however, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on each of those two days.

**ADDRESSES:** To view available documents go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for USCG–2026–1086.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you have questions about this rule, contact MST1 Zachary Rudy, Sector Maryland NCR Waterways Management Division, U.S. Coast Guard; telephone

410–576–2693, or email [Zachary.S.Rudy@uscg.mil](mailto:Zachary.S.Rudy@uscg.mil).

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Table of Abbreviations

CFR Code of Federal Regulations  
COTP Captain of the Port, Sector Maryland-National Capital Region  
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

The Coast Guard received a request under 33 CFR 100.15 from the Offshore Powerboat Racing Club LLC for a Marine Event Permit to host “Thunder on the North East,” a power boat race. The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on September 12, 2026 (Rain date: September 13, 2026), in and around North East, MD. The power boat race will be competing on a designated, marked course.

The Captain of the Port, Sector Maryland-National Capital Region (COTP) is issuing this Special Local Regulation (SLR) under the authority in 46 U.S.C. 70041. The COTP has determined that potential hazards associated with the power boat race, such as the risk of collisions, would be a safety concern for anyone intending to participate in this event and for vessels that operate within the specified waters of the North East River. The purpose of this rule is to protect event participants, non-participants, and transiting vessels before, during, and after the scheduled event.

The Coast Guard is issuing this rule without prior notice and comment. As is authorized by 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 it is impracticable to publish an NPRM, consider and respond to comments, and publish a final rule by September 12, 2026, to protect personnel, vessels, and the marine environment. For the same reasons, 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**.

#### III. Discussion of the Rule

This rule establishes a temporary SLR which will be subject to enforcement from 8 a.m. through 7 p.m. on September 12, 2026 and from 8 a.m. through 7 p.m. on September 13, 2026. The SLR will cover certain waters of the North East river, near North East, Maryland. The coordinates of these waters are provided in the rule text, at

the end of this document. No vessel or person other than those that are registered with the host as participants will be permitted to enter the regulated area without obtaining permission from the COTP or their 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 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, at

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 local regulation. It is categorically excluded from further review under paragraph L61 of Appendix A, Table 1 of DHS Instruction Manual 023–01–001–01, Rev. 1.

#### **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.T599–1060 to read as follows:

##### **§ 100.T599–1060 Special Local Regulation; North East River, North East, MD.**

(a) *Location.* This special local regulation applies to the following regulated area: All waters of Hambrooks Bay, from surface to bottom, encompassed by a line connecting the following coordinates: Commencing at the shoreline at Long Wharf Park, Cambridge, MD, at position latitude 38°34′30″ N, longitude 076°04′16″ W; thence east to latitude 38°34′20″ N, longitude 076°03′46″ W; thence northeast across the Choptank River along the Senator Frederick C. Malkus,

Jr. (US–50) Memorial Bridge, at mile 15.5, to latitude 38°35′30″ N, longitude 076°02′52″ W; thence west along the shoreline to latitude 38°35′38″ N, longitude 076°03′09″ W; thence north and west along the shoreline to latitude 38°36′42″ N, longitude 076°04′15″ W; thence southwest across the Choptank River to latitude 38°35′31″ N, longitude 076°04′57″ W; thence west along the Hambrooks Bay breakwall to latitude 38°35′33″ N, longitude 076°05′17″ W; thence south and east along the shoreline to and terminating at the point of origin. These coordinates are based on 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 Sector Maryland National Capital Region (COTP) in the enforcement of the regulated area. *Non-participant* means any person or vessel not 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 (410) 576–2693. 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[s].* This section will be enforced from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on September 12, 2026, and from 10 a.m. through 5 p.m. on September 13, 2026.

Date: August 17, 2026.

**Patrick C. Burkett,**

*Capt, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port Sector Maryland NCR.*

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

#### **34 CFR Chapter III**

[ED–2026–OESE–1783]

#### **Final Waiver and Extension of the Project Period With Funding for Arts in Education National Program**

**AGENCY:** Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE), Department of Education (Department).

**ACTION:** Final waiver and extension of project period with funding.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary waives the requirements in the Education Department General Administrative Regulations that generally prohibit extensions involving the obligation of additional Federal funds. The waiver and extension enables one project under Assistance Listing Number (ALN) 84.351A to receive funding for an additional period, not to exceed September 30, 2027.

**DATES:** This waiver and extension of the project period is effective August 20, 2026.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Orman Feres. Telephone: 202–453–6921. Email:

[assistanceforartseducation@ed.gov](mailto:assistanceforartseducation@ed.gov).

If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability and wish to access telecommunications relay services, please dial 7–1–1.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

On May 28, 2026, the Department published a notice in the **Federal Register** (91 FR 31682) proposing a waiver and extension of the project period with funding to enable one project under ALN 84.351A to receive continuation funding for an additional 12-month period, not to exceed September 30, 2027. The waiver would allow the Department to issue a continuation award in FY 2026 to the currently funded ALN 84.351A Arts in Education National Program (AENP) project at an amount consistent with the amount awarded in FY 2025 extension.

There are no differences between the notice of proposed waiver and extension of the project period with funding and this notice of final waiver and extension of the project period with funding, as discussed in the *Analysis of Comments and Changes* section of this document.

##### **Public Comment**

In response to our invitation in the notice of proposed waiver and extension of the project period with funding, two parties submitted a comment.