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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 100

[Docket Number USCG–2026–1221]

RIN 1625–AA08

Special Local Regulation; Ponce Harbor, Ponce, PR

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 within the Bahia de Ponce, Ponce, PR. This action is necessary to provide for the safety of life on these navigable waters near Ponce, PR during the Discover the Caribbean Regatta 2026 event to be held October 30, 2026, through November 1, 2026, and November 14, 2026, through November 15, 2026. This regulation prohibits persons and vessels from entering the regulated area unless specifically authorized by the Captain of the Port San Juan or their designated representative.

DATES: This rule is effective from October 30, 2026, through November 15, 2026. The temporary special local regulations will be enforced on October 30, 2026, through November 1, 2026, and on November 14, 2026, through November 15, 2026, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily.

ADDRESSES: To view available documents go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for USCG–2026–1221.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about this rule, contact Lieutenant Commander Rachel E. Thomas, Sector San Juan, Waterways Management Division, U.S. Coast Guard; telephone 571–613–1417; email Rachel.E.Thomas@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

The Coast Guard received a request under 33 CFR 100.15 from an organization regarding the Discover the Caribbean Regatta 2026, hosted by the Ponce Yacht and Fishing Club. The event is scheduled to take place on October 30, 2026, through November 1, 2026, and November 14, 2026, through November 15, 2026, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. each day. The designated event includes specific waters within Ponce Harbor and is expected to involve approximately 100 participants and 10 spectator vessels.

The Captain of the Port San Juan (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 regatta poses potential safety concerns for individuals and vessels within the regulated area. Additional risks, such as sudden weather changes and shifting currents, further heighten the likelihood of collisions and other safety issues due to the increased maritime traffic. The purpose of this rulemaking is to protect event participants, non-participants, and transiting vessels before, during, and after the scheduled event.

Because of these potential hazards, 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 and contrary to the public interest. The Coast Guard must establish this SLR by October 30, 2026, to protect personnel, vessels, and the marine environment. Therefore, we have do not have enough time to solicit and respond to comments.

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 on October 30, 2026, through November 1, 2026, and on November 14, 2026 through November 15, 2026, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily. The special local regulation will cover navigable waters within the Ponce Harbor. No vessel or person 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, 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.T07–1221 to read as follows:

§ 100.T07–1221 Special Local Regulation; Ponce Harbor, Ponce, PR.

(a) *Location.* This special local regulation applies to all waters Bahia de Ponce, from surface to bottom, as follows: Race area 1: within the box from Point 1 at 17° 58'17.05" N, –66°37'28.42" W, thence north to Point 2 at 17°58'36.69" N, –66°37'25.53" W, thence west to Point 3 at 17°58'34.22" N, –66°39'6.06" W, thence southwest to Point 4 at 17°58'19.80" N, –66°39'16.43" W, and along the shoreline back to the beginning Point 1. Race Area 2: within a radius of 1,200 yards from Point 17°57'2.56" N, –66°36'56.99" W.

(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 San Juan (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 areas 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 (787) 729–2380. 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 periods.* This section will be enforced on October 30, 2026, through November 1, 2026, and on November 14, 2026, through November 15, 2026, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

36 CFR Part 13

[NPS–AKRO–NPS0043368; PPAKAKROD0–PPMPSAS1Y.Y00000–PX.XAKRO27C8.00.1]

RIN 1024–AE96

Alaska; Wildlife, Harvest, and Access

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS) amends its regulations for hunting, fishing, trapping, and other harvest-related activities in Alaska and the procedures used to restrict public use and access in Alaska park areas, including for subsistence. This rule restores the regulatory framework adopted to implement the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act of 1980 (ANILCA) in 1981 that guided management for more than three decades, with targeted updates to that framework in response to public comments and further agency review. The restored framework recognizes the

complementary and distinct roles of the State of Alaska, the Federal Subsistence Management Program, and the NPS in managing public uses and resources in Alaska park areas. The rule removes regulatory changes made in 2015, 2017, and 2024 that departed from that framework. These amendments are consistent with Executive Orders 14153 and 14192 and Secretary of the Interior's Orders 3422 and 3447.

DATES: This rule is effective November 18, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Comments received on the proposed rule are available on <https://www.regulations.gov> in Docket No. NPS–2026–0034.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Don Striker, Regional Director, Alaska Regional Office, 240 West 5th Ave., Anchorage, AK 99501; phone (907) 227–6163; email: AKR_Regulations@nps.gov. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This final rule updates and restores regulations for Alaska park areas to the framework in place from 1981 through amendments beginning in 2015. A table summarizing this restoration is included in the “Final Rule” section below. Detailed explanations are included in that section and in the “Background” and “Summary and Responses to Public Comments” sections below.

This rule does not alter the federal subsistence priority established in ANILCA. Federal Subsistence Management Program regulations and the rural preference for qualified users on federal public lands in ANILCA Title VIII are unchanged. What this rule means for subsistence users:

- Permit requirements for collecting animal parts for handicrafts—removed. The 2017 changes added a mandatory permit for collecting antlers, bones, and similar materials to create handicrafts for barter and customary trade. This rule removes the permit requirement; collection for these purposes remains allowed.

- Restrictions for harvesting bears over bait for subsistence uses—removed. Bait and other restrictions added in 2017, which limited subsistence users to using natural or legally harvested remains, are removed; regulations issued by state and federal boards govern these uses unless the statutory