

Dated: December 4, 2002.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[CGD01-02-142]

Drawbridge Operation Regulations: Jamaica Bay and Connecting Waterways, NY

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Commander, First Coast Guard District, has issued a temporary deviation from the drawbridge operation regulations that govern the Marine Parkway Bridge across Jamaica Bay, mile 3.0, between Brooklyn and Queens, New York. This temporary deviation will allow the bridge to remain in the closed position from 7 a.m. on December 19, 2002 through 5 p.m. on December 20, 2002. This temporary deviation is necessary to facilitate repairs at the bridge.

DATES: This deviation is effective from December 19, 2002 through December 20, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Materials referred to in this document are available for inspection or copying at the First Coast Guard District, Bridge Branch Office, One South Street, New York, New York 10004, between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is (212) 668-7165. The First Coast Guard District Bridge Branch maintains the public docket for this temporary deviation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Joseph Schmied, Project Officer, First Coast Guard District Bridge Branch, (212) 668-7165.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The vertical clearance under the Marine Parkway Bridge in the closed position is 55 feet at mean high water and 59 feet at mean low water. The existing regulations are listed at 33 CFR 117.795.

The bridge owner, MTA Bridges and Tunnels Authority, requested a temporary deviation from the Drawbridge Operation Regulations to facilitate necessary maintenance, the removal of work platforms, at the bridge.

The Coast Guard coordinated this project with the mariners who normally use this waterway to help determine the best time period to perform this necessary bridge maintenance.

Under this temporary deviation the Marine Parkway Bridge, mile 3.0, across Jamaica Bay, may remain in the closed position from 7 a.m. on December 19, 2002 through 5 p.m. on December 20, 2002.

This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR § 117.35, and will be performed with all due speed in order to return the bridge to normal operation as soon as possible.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[CGD01-02-138]

Drawbridge Operation Regulations: Hutchinson River, Eastchester Creek, NY

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Commander, First Coast Guard District, has issued a temporary deviation from the drawbridge operation regulations for the South Fulton Avenue Bridge, mile 2.9, across Eastchester Creek, at Mount Vernon, New York. Under this temporary deviation the bridge may remain closed to vessel traffic from 7 a.m. on December 11, 2002 through 5 p.m. on December 13, 2002, and from 7 a.m. on December 18, 2002 through 5 p.m. on December 20, 2002. This temporary deviation is necessary to facilitate repairs at the bridge.

DATES: This deviation is effective from December 11, 2002 through December 20, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joeseoph Schmied, Project Officer, First Coast Guard District, at (212) 668-7165.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The South Fulton Avenue Bridge has a vertical clearance in the closed position of 6 feet at mean high water and 13 feet at mean low water. The existing drawbridge operation regulations are listed at 33 CFR 117.793(c).

The bridge owner, Westchester County Department of Public Works,

requested a temporary deviation from the drawbridge operation regulations to facilitate necessary maintenance, the replacement of the span limit switches, at the bridge. The bridge must remain in the closed position to perform these repairs. Vessels that can pass under the bridge without a bridge opening may do so at all times.

The Coast Guard coordinated this closure with the mariners who normally use this waterway to help facilitate this necessary bridge repair and to minimize any disruption to the marine transportation system.

Under this temporary deviation the South Fulton Avenue Bridge may remain closed to vessel traffic from 7 a.m. on December 11, 2002 through 5 p.m. on December 13, 2002, and from 7 a.m. on December 18, 2002 through 5 p.m. on December 20, 2002.

This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35, and will be performed with all due speed in order to return the bridge to normal operation as soon as possible.

Dated: December 5, 2002.

V.S. Crea,

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[CGD07-02-042]

RIN 2115-AA97

Security Zone; San Juan, PR

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing moving and fixed security zones 50 yards around all cruise ships entering, departing, moored or anchored in the Port of San Juan, Puerto Rico. These security zones are needed for national security reasons to protect the public and ports from potential subversive acts. Entry into these zones is prohibited, unless specifically authorized by the Captain of the Port of San Juan or his designated representative.

DATES: This rule is effective on May 1, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments and material received from the public, as well as documents indicated in this preamble as being available in the docket are part of

docket [CGD07-02-042] and are available for inspection or copying at Coast Guard Marine Safety Office San Juan, Rodriguez and Del Valle Building, San Martin Street, Carr. #2, Km. 4.9, Guaynabo, Puerto Rico, 00968, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding Federal Holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lieutenant Chip Lopez at Coast Guard Marine Safety Office San Juan, Puerto Rico, (787) 706-2444.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulatory Information

On June 25, 2002, we published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) entitled: Security Zone, San Juan Puerto Rico, in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 42741). We received no letters commenting on the proposed rule. No public hearing was requested and none was held.

Background and Purpose

Based on the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center buildings in New York and the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia, there is an increased risk that subversive activity could be launched by vessels or persons in close proximity to the Port of San Juan, Puerto Rico, against cruise ships entering, departing and moored within the Port of San Juan. Following these attacks by well-trained and clandestine terrorists, national security and intelligence officials have warned that future terrorists attacks are likely.

The terrorist acts against the United States on September 11, 2001, have increased the need for safety and security measures on U.S. ports and waterways. In response to these terrorist acts, and in order to prevent similar occurrences, the Coast Guard is establishing temporary security zones around all cruise ships entering, departing and moored within the Port of San Juan. We previously published two temporary final rules entitled "Security Zone; San Juan, PR" in the **Federal Register** on January 17, 2002 (67 FR 2330) and on June 13, 2002 (67 FR 40608). These temporary final rules contained similar provisions as those in this rulemaking.

The security zone for a cruise ship entering the Port of San Juan will be activated when the cruise ship is one mile north of the number 3 buoy, at approximate position 18°28'17" N, 66°07'37.5" W. The zone for a vessel would be deactivated when the vessel passes this buoy on its departure from the Port of San Juan. The security zones encompass all waters 50 yards around a cruise ship.

Persons and vessels are prohibited from entering into or transiting through a security zone unless authorized by the Captain of the Port (COTP), or his designated representative. Each person and vessel in a security zone must obey any direction or order of the COTP. The COTP may remove any person, vessel, article, or thing from a security zone. No person may board, or take or place any article or thing on board, any vessel in a security zone without the permission of the Captain of the Port. The Captain of the Port will notify the public of these security zones through Marine Safety Information Bulletins via facsimile and the Marine Safety Office San Juan Web site at <http://www.msocaribbean.com>.

Discussion of Comments and Changes

No comments were received on the proposed rule.

Regulatory Evaluation

This rule is not a "significant regulatory action" under section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866 and does not require an assessment of potential costs and benefits under section 6(a)(3) of that Order. The Office of Management and Budget has not reviewed it under that Order. It is not significant under the regulatory policies and procedures of the Department of Transportation (DOT) (44 FR 11040, February 26, 1979). We expect the economic impact of this rule to be so minimal that a full Regulatory Evaluation under paragraph 10(e) of the regulatory policies and procedures of DOT is unnecessary because other vessels will be able to safely navigate around the zones while in place and persons may be authorized to enter or transit the zone with the permission of the Captain of the Port.

Small Entities

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601-612), we considered whether this rule would have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. 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 rule would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The rule may affect the following entities, some of which may be small entities: The owners or operators of vessels intending to transit the Port of San Juan when a cruise ship is entering,

departing, moored or anchored in the Port of San Juan. This rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities because other vessels will be able to safely navigate around the zones while in place and persons may be authorized to enter or transit the zone with the permission of the Captain of the Port.

Assistance for Small Entities

Under section 213(a) of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-121), we want to assist small entities in understanding this proposed rule so that they can better evaluate its effects on them and participate in the rulemaking. If the rule would affect your small business, organization, or governmental jurisdiction and you have questions concerning its provisions or options for compliance, please contact Lieutenant Chip Lopez at (787) 706-2444 for assistance in understanding this rulemaking. We also have a point of contact for commenting on actions by employees of the Coast Guard. Small businesses may send comments on the actions of Federal employees who enforce, or otherwise determine compliance with Federal regulations to the Small Business and Agriculture Regulatory Enforcement Ombudsman and the Regional Small Business Regulatory Fairness Boards. The Ombudsman evaluates these actions annually and rates each agency's responsiveness to small businesses. If you wish to comment on actions by employees of the Coast Guard, call 1-888-REG-FAIR (1-888-734-3247).

Collection of Information

This rule calls for no new collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520).

Federalism

We have analyzed this rule under Executive Order 13132 and have determined that this rule does not have implications for federalism under that order.

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531-1538) governs the issuance of Federal regulations that require unfunded mandates. An unfunded mandate is a regulation that requires a State, local, or tribal government or the private sector to incur direct costs without the Federal Government's having first provided the funds to pay those unfunded mandate costs. This rule would not impose an unfunded mandate.

Taking of Private Property

This rule would not effect a taking of private property or otherwise have taking implications under Executive Order 12630, Governmental Actions and Interference with Constitutionally Protected Property Rights.

Civil Justice Reform

This rule meets applicable standards in sections 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform, to minimize litigation, eliminate ambiguity, and reduce burden.

Protection of Children

We have analyzed this rule under Executive Order 13045, Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks. This rule is not an economically significant rule and does not concern an environmental risk to health or safety that may disproportionately affect children.

Environment

The Coast Guard has considered the environmental impact of this rule and has determined that, under figure 2-1, paragraph (34)g, of Commandant Instruction M16475.IC, that this rule is categorically excluded from further environmental documentation.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 165

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

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard amends 33 CFR Part 165 as follows:

PART 165—REGULATED NAVIGATION AREAS AND LIMITED ACCESS AREAS

1. The authority citation for Part 165 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1231; 50 U.S.C. 191; 33 CFR 1.05-1(g), 6.04-1, 6.04-6, and 160.5; 49 CFR 1.46.

2. Section 165.758 is added to read as follows:

§ 165.758 Security Zone; San Juan, Puerto Rico.

(a) *Location.* Moving and fixed security zones are established 50 yards around all cruise ships entering, departing, moored or anchored in the Port of San Juan, Puerto Rico. The security zone for a cruise ship entering port is activated when the vessel is one mile north of the #3 buoy, at approximate position 18°28'17" N, 66°07'37.5" W. The security zone for a vessel is deactivated when the vessel passes this buoy on its departure from the port.

(b) *Regulations.* (1) Under general regulations in § 165.33 of this part, entering, anchoring, mooring or transiting in these zones is prohibited unless authorized by the Coast Guard Captain of the Port of San Juan.

(2) Persons desiring to transit the area of the security zone may contact the Captain of the Port at the Greater Antilles Section Operations Center at (787) 289-2041 or via VHF radio on Channel 16 to seek permission to transit the area. If permission is granted, all persons and vessels must comply with the instructions of the Captain of the Port or his designated representative.

(3) The Marine Safety Office San Juan will attempt to notify the maritime community of periods during which these security zones will be in effect by providing advance notice of scheduled arrivals and departures of cruise ships via a broadcast notice to mariners.

(c) *Definition.* As used in this section, *cruise ship* means a passenger vessel greater than 100 feet in length that is authorized to carry more than 150 passengers for hire, except for a ferry.

(d) *Authority.* In addition to 33 U.S.C. 1231 and 50 U.S.C. 191, the authority for this section includes 33 U.S.C. 1226.

Dated: November 26, 2002.

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Captain, Coast Guard, Captain of the Port.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[COTP Charleston-02-146]

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Security Zones; Charleston Harbor, Cooper River, SC

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Temporary final rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is maintaining the temporary fixed security zones for the waters under the Highway 17 bridges over Charleston Harbor and the Don Holt I-526 Bridge over the Cooper River. These security zones are needed for national security reasons to protect the public and ports from potential subversive acts. Vessels are prohibited from anchoring, mooring, or loitering within these zones, unless specifically authorized by the Captain of the Port, Charleston, South Carolina or his designated representative.

DATES: This regulation is effective on December 17, 2002 until 11:59 p.m. July 15, 2003. Comments and related material must reach the Coast Guard on or before February 14, 2003.

ADDRESSES: You may mail comments and related material to Coast Guard Marine Safety Office Charleston, 196 Tradd Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29401. Coast Guard Marine Safety Office Charleston maintains the public docket for this rulemaking. Comments and material received from the public, as well as documents indicated in this preamble as being available in the docket, are part of [COTP Charleston 02-146], will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at Marine Safety Office Charleston, between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: LT Kevin D. Floyd, Coast Guard Marine Safety Office Charleston, at (843) 747-7411.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulatory Information

Under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for not publishing a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM). Publishing a NPRM and delaying the effective date of this rule would be contrary to national security since immediate action is necessary to protect the public, ports and waterways of the United States.

For the same reasons, under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for making this rule effective less than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register**.

Background and Purpose

Based on the September 11, 2001, terrorist attack on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Arlington, VA, there is an increased risk that subversive terrorist activity could be launched by vessels or persons in close proximity to the Port of Charleston, S.C., against bridges within the security zones continued by this rule. If a bridge were damaged or destroyed, the Port of Charleston would be isolated from access to the sea, crippling the local economy and negatively impacting national security. These temporary security zones are necessary to protect the safety of life and property on the navigable waters, prevent potential terrorist threats aimed at the bridges crossing the main shipping channels in the Port of Charleston, S.C. and to ensure the continued unrestricted access to the sea from the Port.