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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Quintiles Wrightsville Beach Full and Half Marathon committee on behalf of the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has requested a temporary deviation from the current operating schedule for the S.R. 74 Bascule Drawbridge across the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (AIWW), mile 283.1, at Wrightsville Beach, NC. The requested deviation is to accommodate the 2012 Quintiles Wrightsville Beach Full and Half Marathon scheduled for Sunday, March 18, 2012. To facilitate this event, the draw of the bridge will be maintained in the closed-to-navigation position from 5 a.m. until 8 a.m.

The current operating schedule for the bridge is set out in 33 CFR 117.821(a)(4). The regulation requires the bridge to open on signal for vessels at all times except that from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. the bridge shall open on the hour; every third and fourth Saturday in September the bridge shall remain closed from 7 a.m. until 11 a.m.; and the last Saturday of October or the first or second Saturday of November the bridge shall remain closed from 7 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. The bascule drawbridge has a vertical clearance of 20 feet above mean high water (MHW) in the closed position. Vessels that can pass through the bridge in the closed position may do so at any time.

This race is an annual event; therefore local waterway users should be familiar with the closure. To ensure that waterway users are aware of the closure, the Coast Guard will issue a Local and Broadcast Notice to Mariners to allow mariners to schedule their transits accordingly. There are no alternate routes available to vessels. Most waterway traffic consists of recreational boats with a few barges and tugs in the daytime. The bridge is able to open for emergencies.

In accordance with 33 CFR 117.35(e), the drawbridge must return to its regular operating schedule immediately at the end of the designated time period. This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.

Dated: January 18, 2012.

Waverly W. Gregory, Jr.,

Bridge Program Manager, Fifth Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[Docket No. USCG-2012-0031]

Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway Albermarle Sound to Sunset Beach, Scotts Hill, NC

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District, has issued a temporary deviation from the regulations governing the operation of the Figure Eight Swing Bridge across the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway North Carolina Cut, mile 278.1, at Scotts Hill, NC. Under this temporary deviation, the drawbridge may remain in the closed position on specific dates and times to facilitate mechanical gear replacement.

DATES: This deviation is effective from 10 a.m. on February 7, 2012, until 3 p.m. on February 8, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket USCG-2012-0031 and are available online by going to <http://www.regulations.gov>, inserting USCG-2012-0031 in the "Keywords" box, and then clicking "Search". This material is also available for inspection or copying the Docket Management Facility (M-30), U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this rule, call or email Mr. Jim Rousseau, Bridge Management Specialist, Fifth Coast Guard District, telephone (757) 398-6557.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Figure Eight Beach Homeowners Association, who owns and operates the Figure Eight Swing Bridge across the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (AIWW), North Carolina Cut, mile 278.1, at Scotts Hill, NC, has requested a temporary deviation from the current operating regulations set out in 33 CFR 117.821(a)(3), to accommodate mechanical gear replacement.

Under the current operating schedule, the draw shall open on signal for commercial vessels at all times and open on signal for pleasure vessels except need only open for pleasure vessels on the hour and half hour. Figure Eight Swing Bridge, at AIWW mile 278.1, across the North Carolina Cut in Scotts Hill, NC, has a vertical clearance in the closed position to vessels of 20 feet above mean high water. During this time of year approximately two vessels a day transits the area.

To facilitate mechanical gear replacement, the drawbridge will be maintained in the closed-to-navigation position from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on February 7 and 8, 2012. The mechanical gear replacement is scheduled for February 7, 2012. Under this temporary deviation, the drawbridge will remain in the closed position to vessels requiring an opening from 10 p.m. to 3 p.m. However, should weather preclude this work from taking place on February 7, 2012, the work will be re-scheduled to take place on February 8, 2012. In that case, the drawbridge will operate as normal on February 7, 2012 and the drawbridge will remain in the closed position to vessels requiring an opening from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on February 8, 2012.

Vessels may transit under the drawbridge while it is in the closed position. The Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway caters to a variety of vessels from tug and barge traffic to recreational vessels traveling from Florida to Maine. The Coast Guard will inform unexpected users of the waterway through our local and broadcast Notices to Mariners of the limited operating schedule for the drawbridge so that vessels can arrange their transits to minimize any impacts caused by the temporary deviation. The Atlantic Ocean is the alternate route for vessels and the bridge will not be able to open in the event of an emergency. The Coast Guard will inform the users of the waterway through our Local and Broadcast Notices to Mariners of the opening restrictions of the draw span to minimize transiting delays caused by the temporary deviation.

In accordance with 33 CFR 117.35(e), the draw must return to its regular operating schedule immediately at the end of the designated time period.

This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.

Dated: January 20, 2012.

Waverly W. Gregory, Jr.,

Bridge Program Manager, Fifth Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[Docket No. USCG-2011-1171]

Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Northeast Cape Fear River, Wilmington, NC

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District, has issued a temporary deviation from the regulations governing the operation of the Isabel S. Holmes Bridge across the Northeast Cape Fear River, mile 1.0, at Wilmington, NC. The deviation restricts the operation of the draw span to accommodate the 100 year Anniversary of the Girl Scout Program Ceremonial walk. The deviation allows the bridge to remain in the closed position to vessels.

DATES: This deviation is effective from 10 a.m. until noon on March 10, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket USCG-2011-1171 and are available online by going to <http://www.regulations.gov>, inserting USCG-2011-1171 in the "Keywords" box, and then clicking "Search". This material is also available for inspection or copying the Docket Management Facility (M-30), U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this rule, call or email Mr. Jim Rousseau, Bridge Management Specialist, Fifth Coast Guard District, telephone (757) 398-6557. Email James.L.Rousseau2@uscg.mil. If you have questions on reviewing the docket, call Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, (202) 366-9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Event Director for the New Hanover County Girl Scouts, with approval from the North Carolina Department of Transportation, owner of the

drawbridge, has requested a temporary deviation from the current operating schedule to accommodate the 100 year Anniversary of the Girl Scout Program Ceremonial walk.

The Isabel S. Holmes Bridge operating regulations are set out in 33 CFR 117.829(a). However on January 10, 2012 (77 FR 1406) the Coast Guard granted a deviation from 33 CFR 117.829(a) to facilitate structural repair on the bridge. Under the current operating deviation schedule, the drawbridge will be closed to navigation from 7 a.m. on January 16, 2012 until and including 11 p.m. on April 30, 2012; except that vessel openings will be provided if at least three hours advance notice is given to the bridge tender at (910) 251-5774 or via marine radio on channel 13 VHF. The Isabel S. Holmes Bridge across the Northeast Cape Fear River, mile 1.0, a bascule lift Bridge, in Wilmington, NC, has a vertical clearance in the closed position of 40 feet, above mean high water.

Under this temporary deviation, the drawbridge will be allowed to remain in the closed-to-navigation position from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 10, 2012 to accommodate the 100 year Anniversary of the Girl Scout Program Ceremonial walk.

Vessels able to pass under the closed span may transit under the drawbridge while it is in the closed position. Mariners are advised to proceed with caution. The Coast Guard will inform users of the waterway through our local and broadcast Notices to Mariners of the limited operating schedule for the drawbridge so that vessels can arrange their transits to minimize any impacts caused by the temporary deviation. There are no alternate routes for vessels and the bridge will be able to open in the event of an emergency.

In accordance with 33 CFR 117.35(e), when applicable the draw must return to its regular operating schedule immediately at the end of the designated time period. This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.

Dated: January 13, 2012.

Waverly W. Gregory, Jr.,

Bridge Program Manager, Fifth Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

38 CFR Part 17

RIN 2900-AN80

Medical Foster Homes

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This document amends the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) "Medical" regulations to add rules relating to medical foster homes. Prior to this final rule, VA's medical foster home program had, whenever possible and appropriate, relied upon regulations governing community residential care facilities; however, those regulations did not cover all aspects of medical foster homes, which provide community based care in a smaller, residential facility and to a more medically complex and disabled population. This final rule reflects current VA policy and practice, and generally conforms to industry standards and expectations.

DATES: *Effective date:* March 5, 2012.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in this rule as of March 5, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rick Greene, Office of Patient Care Services (114), Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 461-6786. (This is not a toll free number.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Many veterans who are disabled due to complex chronic disease or traumatic injury may be unable to live safely and independently, or may have health care needs that exceed the capabilities of their families. Many of these veterans are placed in nursing homes. Others, with the proper support, can continue to live in a residential setting and delay, or totally avoid, the need for nursing home care. VA's community residential care program, specifically authorized by 38 U.S.C. 1730 and implemented at 38 CFR 17.61 through 17.72, has provided health care supervision to these veterans.

A medical foster home is a specific type of community residential care facility that provides home-based care to a small number of residents with serious chronic disease and disability. A medical foster home provides a greater level of care than a community residential care facility (and in this respect a medical foster home is more analogous to a nursing home), while allowing veterans to live in a home-like