

2012 until 6 p.m. on Wednesday, August 29, 2012 and for 30 consecutive days from 12:01 a.m. on Friday, September 7, 2012 until 11:59 p.m. on Saturday, October 6, 2012.

The closure is necessary to replace the wire rope lifting cables, and for the rehabilitation of most electrical motors and components, most mechanical components and the operator house. This maintenance is essential for the continued operation of the bridge. Notices will be published in the Eighth Coast Guard District Local Notice to Mariners and will be broadcast via the Coast Guard Broadcast Notice to Mariners System.

Navigation on the waterway consists of commercial and recreational vessels and sailboats and small tugs with and without tows. An alternate route is available via the Rigolets or Chef Menteur Pass. Vessels with vertical clearance requirements of less than 50 feet above Mean High Water may pass under the bridge while in the closed-to-navigation position.

Due to prior experience and coordination with waterway users, it has been determined that this closure will not have a significant effect on vessels that use the waterway.

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: July 24, 2012.

David M. Frank,
Bridge Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[Docket No. USCG-2012-0678]

Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Mystic River, Mystic, CT

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Commander, First Coast Guard District, has issued a temporary deviation from the regulation governing the operation of the Route 1 Bridge across the Mystic River, mile 2.8, at Mystic, Connecticut. The deviation is necessary to facilitate bridge rehabilitation repairs at the bridge.

Under this deviation the bridge may remain in the closed position November through April.

DATES: This deviation is effective from November 1, 2012 through April 15, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket are part of docket USCG-2012-0678 and are available online at www.regulations.gov, inserting USCG-2012-0678 in the "Keyword" and then clicking "Search". They are also available for inspection or copying at 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 Ms. Judy K. Leung-Yee, Project Officer, First Coast Guard District, telephone (212) 668-7165, judy.k.leung-ye@uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing the docket, call Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202-366-9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Route 1 Bridge across the Mystic River at mile 2.8, has a vertical clearance of 4 feet at mean high water and 7 feet at mean low water. The drawbridge operation regulations are listed at 33 CFR 117.211.

The normal waterway users are predominantly recreational craft of various sizes.

The Coast Guard issued two previous temporary deviations, (75 FR 78163) effective from December 2, 2010 through April 15, 2011 and (76 FR 70348) effective from December 1, 2011 through April 15, 2012, to facilitate this major bridge rehabilitation project that allowed the Route 1 Bridge to remain closed during the winter months when the bridge rarely opens. Both previous temporary deviations achieved successful results without any problems or complaints from the mariners that normally transit the Mystic River.

The owner of the bridge, Connecticut Department of Transportation, has requested a third temporary deviation from the regulations to allow the bridge to remain in the closed position to complete rehabilitation repairs at the bridge.

Under this temporary deviation the Route 1 Bridge may remain in the closed position from November 1, 2012 through April 15, 2013, to facilitate completion of bridge rehabilitation repairs. Vessels that can pass under the bridge in the closed position may do so at any time.

The bridge has received few requests to open during this time period during the past three years. The waterway users were advised of the requested bridge closure and no objections were received.

In accordance with 33 CFR 117.35(e), the bridge 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: July 25, 2012.

Gary Kassof,
Bridge Program Manager, First Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[Docket No. USCG-2012-0652]

Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Bayou Boeuf, Amelia, LA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Delay of effective date for temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is modifying the effective date of a published temporary deviation from the operating schedule that governs the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway Company swing span bridge across Bayou Boeuf, mile 10.2, at Amelia, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana. The modification of the date is necessary due to a delay in the scheduled arrival of repair equipment. The deviation is necessary to complete scheduled repairs necessitated by a bridge allision. This deviation allows the bridge to remain in the closed-to-navigation position for sixteen consecutive hours.

DATES: This deviation is effective from 7 a.m. through 11 p.m. on Thursday, September 13, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket are part of docket USCG-2012-0652 and are available online by going to <http://www.regulations.gov>, inserting USCG-2012-0652 in the "Keyword" box and then clicking "Search". They are also available for inspection or copying at 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 Jim Wetherington, Bridge Branch Office, Coast Guard; telephone 504-671-2128, email james.r.wetherington@uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing the docket, call Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202-366-9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 20, 2012, the Coast published a notice of temporary deviation from regulations in the **Federal Register** (77 FR 42637). The BNSF Railway Company requested this temporary deviation from the operating schedule of the swing span railroad bridge across Bayou Boeuf, mile 10.2, at Amelia, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, for August 16, 2012, to perform repairs necessitated by an allision. Due to delay in production and delivery of repair equipment, the BNSF Railway requested a modification to the effective date from August 16, 2012 to September 13, 2012. The bridge provides no vertical clearance in the closed-to-navigation position.

Notices will be published in the Eighth Coast Guard District Local Notice to Mariners and will be broadcast via the Coast Guard Broadcast Notice to Mariners System.

In accordance with 33 CFR 117.5, the bridge currently opens on signal for the passage of vessels. This deviation allows the vertical lift span of the bridge to remain in the closed-to-navigation position from 7 a.m. through 11 p.m. on Thursday, September 13, 2012.

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: July 24, 2012.

David M. Frank,

Bridge Administrator, Eighth Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[Docket No. USCG-2012-0634]

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Safety Zone; Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, Mile Marker 35.2 to Mile Marker 35.5, West of Harvey Locks, Bank to Bank, Lafourche Parish, Larose, LA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is re-establishing a temporary safety zone in the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, Mile Marker 35.2 to Mile Marker 35.5, west of Harvey Locks, bank to bank, Larose, Lafourche Parish, LA. This Safety Zone is needed to protect the general public, vessels and tows from destruction, loss or injury due to the installation of a new sheetpile floodwall on the waterward side of the existing Larose floodwall and construction of a new rip-rap barge impact barrier on the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway side of the new floodwall.

DATES: This rule is effective August 3, 2012 through January 1, 2013. This rule is enforceable with actual notice on July 1, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Documents mentioned in this preamble are part of docket [USCG-2012-0634]. To view documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, type the docket number in the "SEARCH" box and click "SEARCH." Click on Open Docket Folder on the line associated with this rulemaking. You may also visit the Docket Management Facility in Room W12-140 on the ground floor of the Department of Transportation West Building, 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 temporary rule, call or email Ensign (ENS) Nicholas Jones, Coast Guard; telephone 985-857-8507 ext. 232, email Nicholas.B.Jones@uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing the docket, call Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202-366-9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Table of Acronyms

DHS Department of Homeland Security
FR Federal Register

NPRM Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

A. Regulatory Information

The Coast Guard is issuing this temporary final rule without prior notice and opportunity to comment pursuant to authority under section 4(a) of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) (5 U.S.C. 553(b)). This provision authorizes an agency to issue a rule without prior notice and opportunity to comment when the agency for good cause finds that those procedures are "impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest." 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) with respect to this rule. This rule re-establishes a safety zone necessary to protect life and property from hazards associated with the ongoing floodwall repair and construction project. The Coast Guard established the initial safety zone for this project in a Temporary Final Rule on January 25, 2012 at docket USCG-2011-1128 (77 FR 3609) to be enforced through June 30, 2012. The floodwall repair and construction project are still ongoing and this safety zone is needed immediately to ensure there is no gap in providing the necessary safety measures to protect personnel, general public, vessel and tows, and mariners from hazards associated with the ongoing floodwall repair and construction process. Publishing a NPRM would unnecessarily delay the effective date for this rule which would be contrary to the public interest. Delaying this project for the NPRM process would also interfere with the contractually imposed timeline for repair of the floodwall.

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**. Delaying the effective date for this temporary rule to provide a full 30 days notice is contrary to protect persons and vessels from potential safety hazards associated with the floodwall repair and construction project.

B. Basis and Purpose

The Coast Guard is reestablishing the safety zone in the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, Mile Marker 35.2 to Mile Marker 35.5, bank to bank, West of Harvey Locks. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers contracted installation of a new sheetpile floodwall on the waterward side of the existing Larose Floodwall and construction of a new rip-rap barge impact barrier on the waterward side of the new floodwall. This construction and repair project is