

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**Coast Guard****33 CFR Part 100****[Docket No. USCG–2024–0347]****Special Local Regulations; Marine Events Within the Fifth Coast Guard District****AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.**ACTION:** Notification of enforcement of regulation.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard will enforce special local regulations for certain waters of the Choptank River. This action is necessary to provide for the safety of life on these navigable waters located at Cambridge, MD, during a high-speed power boat demonstration event on May 18, 2024, and May 19, 2024. This regulation prohibits persons and vessels from entering the regulated area unless authorized by the Captain of the Port, Sector Maryland-National Capital Region or the Coast Guard Event Patrol Commander.

DATES: The regulations for the Cambridge Classic Powerboat Race, in Table 2 to paragraph (i)(2) to 33 CFR 100.501, will be enforced from 10 a.m. until 6:30 p.m., each day from May 18, 2024, through May 19, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about this notification of enforcement, call or email MST2 Hollie Givens, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Maryland—National Capital Region; telephone 410–576–2596, email MDNCRMarineEvents@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Coast Guard will enforce special local regulations in Table 2 to paragraph (i)(2) of 33 CFR 100.501 for the Cambridge Classic Powerboat Race regulated area from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on May 18 and for the same hours on May 19, 2024. This action is being taken to provide for the safety of life on navigable waterways during this 2-day event. Our regulation for marine events within the Fifth Coast Guard District, § 100.501, specifies the location of the regulated area for the Cambridge Classic Powerboat Race which encompasses portions of the Choptank River and its branches. During the enforcement periods, as reflected in § 100.501(c), if you are the operator of a vessel in the regulated area you must comply with directions from the Patrol Commander or any Official Patrol displaying a Coast Guard ensign.

In addition to this notification of enforcement in the **Federal Register**, the

Coast Guard plans to provide notification of this enforcement period via the Local Notice to Mariners and Broadcast Notice to Mariners over VHF–FM marine band radio.

Dated: April 24, 2024.

David E. O’Connell,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port, Sector Maryland-National Capital Region.

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BILLING CODE 9110–04–P**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY****Coast Guard****33 CFR Part 100****[Docket No. USCG–2024–0246]****Special Local Regulations; Annual Marine Events Within the Eighth Coast Guard District; Riverfest Power Boat Races****AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.**ACTION:** Notification of enforcement of regulation.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard will enforce special local regulations for the RiverFest Power Boat Races on the Neches River in Port Neches, TX, from May 3, 2024 through May 5, 2024, to provide for the safety of life on navigable waterways during this event. Our regulation for annual marine events within the Eighth Coast Guard District identifies the regulated area for this event in Port Neches, TX. During the enforcement periods, the operator of any vessel in the regulated area must comply with directions from the Patrol Commander.

DATES: The regulations in 33 CFR 100.801, Table 3, Line 4 will be enforced from 2 through 6 p.m. on May 3, 2024, and from 8:30 a.m. through 6 p.m. on May 4 and 5, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about this notification of enforcement, call or email LCDR Kimberly Gates, Marine Safety Unit Port Arthur, U.S. Coast Guard; 571–610–1924, email Kimberly.M.Gates@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Coast Guard will enforce special local regulations in 33 CFR 100.801 Table 3, Line 4, for the RiverFest Power Boat Races from 2 through 6 p.m. on May 3, 2024, and from 8:30 a.m. through 6 p.m. on May 4 and May 5, 2024. This action is being taken to provide for the safety of life on navigable waterways during this three-day event. Our regulations for

marine events within the Eighth Coast Guard District, § 100.801, specifies the location of the regulated areas for the RiverFest Power Boat Races which encompasses portions of the Neches River adjacent to Port Neches Park. During the enforcement period, as reflected in § 100.801, if you are the operator of a vessel in the regulated area you must comply with directions from the designated Patrol Commander.

In addition to this notice of enforcement in the **Federal Register**, the Coast Guard plans to provide notification of the enforcement periods via Local Notice to Mariners, Marine Safety Information Bulletin, and Vessel Traffic Service Advisory.

Dated: April 24, 2024.

Anthony R. Migliorini,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port Marine Safety Zone Port Arthur.

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BILLING CODE 9110–04–P**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY****Coast Guard****33 CFR Part 165****[Docket Number USCG–2024–0343]****RIN 1625–AA11****Safety Zone; Lower Mississippi River, Natchez, MS****AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.**ACTION:** Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary safety zone for navigable waters on the Lower Mississippi River from mile marker 364.5 to mile marker 365.5. The safety zone is needed to protect personnel, vessels, and the marine environment from potential hazards created by waterborne fireworks display with a fallout zone of approximately 560 feet around the barge. Entry of vessels or persons into this zone is prohibited unless specifically authorized by the Captain of the Port, Sector Lower Mississippi River.

DATES: This rule is effective on June 15, 2024, from 8:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.

ADDRESSES: To view documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to <https://www.regulations.gov>, type USCG–2024–0343 in the search box and click “Search.” Next, in the Document Type column, select “Supporting & Related Material.”

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about this rule, call

or email MST1 Peter Buczakowski, U.S. Coast Guard; telephone 206–820–5297, email Peter.L.Buczakowski@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Table of Abbreviations

CFR Code of Federal Regulations
DHS Department of Homeland Security
FR Federal Register
NPRM Notice of proposed rulemaking
§ Section
U.S.C. United States Code

II. Background Information and Regulatory History

The Coast Guard is issuing this temporary rule under authority in 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B). This statutory 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.” The Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for not publishing a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) with respect to this rule because it’s impracticable. The NPRM process would delay the establishment of the safety zone until after the date of the event and compromise public safety. We must establish this temporary safety zone by June 15, 2024, and lack of sufficient time to provide reasonable comment period and then consider those comments before issuing the rule.

III. Legal Authority and Need for Rule

The Coast Guard is issuing this rule under authority in 46 U.S.C. 70034. The Captain of the Port Sector Lower Mississippi River (COTP) has determined that potential hazards associated with waterborne fireworks display will be a safety concern for anyone located on the Lower Mississippi River mile marker 364.5 to mile marker 365.5. This rule is needed to protect personnel, vessels, and the marine environment in the navigable waters within the temporary safety zone during the operation of the waterborne fireworks display.

IV. Discussion of the Rule

This rule establishes a safety zone from 8:30 p.m. until 9:15 p.m. on June 15, 2024. The safety zone will cover all navigable waters on the Lower Mississippi River from mile marker 364.5 to mile marker 365.5. The duration of the zone is intended to protect personnel, vessels, and the marine environment in these navigable waters during the operations of the waterborne fireworks display. No vessel or person will be permitted to enter the safety zone without obtaining

permission from the COTP or a designated representative.

V. 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, and we discuss First Amendment rights of protestors.

A. Regulatory Planning and Review

Executive Orders 12866 and 13563 direct agencies to assess the costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, if regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits. This rule has not been designated a “significant regulatory action,” under section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866, as amended by Executive Order 14094 (Modernizing Regulatory Review). Accordingly, this rule has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

This regulatory action determination is based on the size, location, and duration of the temporary safety zone. This temporary safety zone will temporarily restrict navigation on the Lower Mississippi River from mile marker 364.5 to mile marker 365.5 in the vicinity of Natchez, MS, on June 15, 2024, from 8:30 p.m. until 9:15 p.m. Moreover, the Coast Guard will issue a Broadcast Notice to Mariners, Local Notice to Mariners, and/or Marine Safety Information Bulletins, as appropriate.

B. Impact on Small Entities

The Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980, 5 U.S.C. 601–612, as amended, requires Federal agencies to consider the potential impact of regulations on small entities during rulemaking. 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 will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

While some owners or operators of vessels intending to transit the temporary safety zone may be small entities, for the reasons stated in section V.A above, this rule will not have a significant economic impact on any vessel owner or operator.

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 rule. If the rule would affect your small business, organization, or governmental jurisdiction and you have questions concerning its provisions or options for compliance, please call or email the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

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 business. If you wish to comment on actions by employees of the Coast Guard, call 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.

C. 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).

D. Federalism and Indian Tribal Governments

A rule has implications for federalism under Executive Order 13132, Federalism, if it has a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the National Government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. We have analyzed this rule under that Order and have determined that it is consistent with the fundamental federalism principles and preemption requirements described in Executive Order 13132.

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.

E. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531–1538) requires Federal agencies to assess the effects of their discretionary regulatory actions. In particular, the Act addresses actions that may result in the expenditure by a State, local, or tribal government, in the aggregate, or by the private sector of

\$100,000,000 (adjusted for inflation) or more in any one year. Though this rule will not result in such an expenditure, we do discuss the effects of this rule elsewhere in this preamble.

F. 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. 4321–4370f), 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 involves a temporary safety zone lasting approximately one hour that will prohibit entry on the Lower Mississippi River from mile marker 364.5 to mile marker 365.5. It is categorically excluded from further review under paragraph L60(a) of Appendix A, Table 1 of DHS Instruction Manual 023–01–001–01, Rev. 1. A Record of Environmental Consideration supporting this determination is available in the docket. For instructions on locating the docket, see the **ADDRESSES** section of this preamble.

G. Protest Activities

The Coast Guard respects the First Amendment rights of protesters. Protesters are asked to call or email the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section to coordinate protest activities so that your message can be received without jeopardizing the safety or security of people, places, or vessels.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 165

Harbors, Marine Safety, Navigation, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Security 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: 46 U.S.C. 70034, 70051, 70124; 33 CFR 1.05–1, 6.04–1, 6.04–6, and 160.5; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 00170.1, Revision No. 01.3.

■ 2. Add § 165.T08–0343 to read as follows:

§ 165.T08–0343 Safety Zone; Lower Mississippi River, Natchez, MS

(a) *Location.* The following area is a safety zone: All navigable waters on the Lower Mississippi River from mile marker 364.5 to mile marker 365.5 in the vicinity of Natchez, MS.

(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 Lower Mississippi River (COTP) in the enforcement of the safety zone.

(c) *Regulations.* (1) Under the general safety zone regulations in subpart C of this part, you may not enter the temporary safety zone described in paragraph (a) of this section unless authorized by the COTP or the COTP's designated representative.

(2) To seek permission to enter, contact the COTP or the COTP's representative by VHF–FM channel 16 or by telephone at 314–269–2332. Those in the temporary safety zone must comply with all lawful orders or directions given to them by the COTP or the COTP's designated representative.

(d) *Enforcement period.* This section will be subject to enforcement from 8:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. on June 15, 2024.

Dated: April 24, 2024.

Kristi L. Bernstein,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port Sector Lower Mississippi River.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[Docket No. USCG–2024–0247]

Annual Fireworks Displays and Other Events in the Eighth Coast Guard District Requiring Safety Zones; Riverfest Fireworks Display

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notification of enforcement of regulation.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard will enforce a safety zone for the Riverfest Fireworks display on the Neches River in Port Neches, TX from 8:30 through 10 p.m. on May 4, 2024, to provide for the safety of life on navigable waterways during

this event. Our regulation for fireworks displays and other events within the Eighth Coast Guard District identifies the regulated area for this event in Port Neches, TX. During the enforcement period, the operator of any vessel in the regulated area must comply with directions from the Captain of the Port or designated representative.

DATES: The regulations in 33 CFR 165.801, Table 3, Line 1 will be enforced from 8:30 through 10 p.m. on May 4, 2024, or in the event of postponement due to rain, 8:30 through 10 p.m. on May 5, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about this notification of enforcement, call or email LCDR Kimberly Gates, Marine Safety Unit Port Arthur, U.S. Coast Guard; 571–610–1924, email Kimberly.M.Gates@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Coast Guard will enforce safety zone regulations in 33 CFR 165.801 Table 3, Line 1, for the Port Neches Riverfest fireworks display from 8:30 through 10 p.m. on May 4, 2024, or in the event of rain, on May 5, 2024 for the same time period. This action is being taken to provide for the safety of life on navigable waterways before, during, and after a pyrotechnics display. Our annual fireworks displays and other events in the Eighth Coast Guard District requiring safety zones, § 165.801, specifies the location of the safety zone for the Riverfest fireworks display which encompasses a 500-yard radius around the fireworks barge anchored on the Neches River in approximate position 29°59'51" N 093°57'06" W (NAD83). During the enforcement period, as reflected in § 165.801, if you are the operator of a vessel in the regulated area you must comply with directions from the Captain of the Port or designated representative.

In addition to this notice of enforcement in the **Federal Register**, the Coast Guard plans to provide notification of the enforcement periods via Local Notice to Mariners, Marine Safety Information Bulletin and Vessel Traffic Service Advisory.

Dated: April 24, 2024.

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