

all lawful orders or directions given to them by the COTP or the COTP's designated representative.

(d) *Enforcement period.* This security zone will be enforced from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on August 11, 2024.

Dated: July 26, 2024.

**S.L. Crecy,**

*Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port Sector Los Angeles-Long Beach.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

#### 33 CFR Part 165

[Docket Number USCG-2024-0679]

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#### Safety Zone; Port Huron Float Down, St. Clair River, Port Huron, MI

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Temporary final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary safety zone for navigable waters of the St. Clair River in the vicinity of Port Huron, MI. This zone is intended to restrict and control movement of vessels in a portion of the St. Clair River. Though this is an unsanctioned, non-permitted marine event, this zone is necessary to provide for the safety of life on the navigable waters during a float down event near Port Huron, MI.

**DATES:** This rule is effective from 12 p.m. through 7 p.m. on August 18, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** To view documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to <https://www.regulations.gov>, type USCG-2024-0679 in the "SEARCH" box and click "SEARCH." Click on Open Docket Folder on the line associated with this rule.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you have questions on this rule, call or email Ms. Tracy Girard, U.S. Coast Guard; (313) 568-9564, [Tracy.M.Girard@uscg.mil](mailto:Tracy.M.Girard@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

During the afternoon of August 18, 2024, a non-sanctioned public event is scheduled to take place. The event is advertised over various social-media sites, in which a large number of persons float down a segment of the St. Clair River, using inner tubes and other similar floatation devices. The 2024 float down event will occur from approximately 12 p.m. through 7 p.m. on August 18, 2024. This non-sanctioned event has taken place on the third Sunday in August annually since 2009.

No private or municipal entity requested a marine event permit from the Coast Guard for this event, and it has not received state or federal permits since its inception. The event has drawn over 5,000 participants of various ages annually. Despite plans put together by federal, state and local officials, emergency responders and law enforcement officials have been overburdened pursuing safety during this event. Medical emergencies, people drifting across the international border, and people trespassing on residential property when trying to get out of the water before the designated finish line are some of the numerous difficulties encountered during the float down event.

During the 2014 float-down event, a 19-year-old participant died. During the 2016 float down, a wind shift caused thousands of U.S. citizen rafters with no passports to drift into Canadian waters. The current and wind made it impossible for the rafters to paddle back into U.S. waters, necessitating significant coordination with the Canadian authorities. Despite these events, promotional information for the event continues to be published. More than 5,000 people are again anticipated to float down the river this year. No public or private organization holds themselves responsible as the event sponsor.

The Coast Guard is issuing this temporary 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 because doing

so is impracticable. The organizers of this event are very secretive, and careful not to be found out as the event has "no sponsor." The Coast Guard could not receive notice of the float down with sufficient time to undergo notice and comment because the date of the event varies from year to year. The Coast Guard was not made aware the float down would occur in 2024 until there was insufficient time to allow for a comment period to run. We must establish this safety zone by August 18, 2024, in order to protect the public form, the hazards listed above associated with the float down.

##### III. Legal Authority and Need for Rule

The Coast Guard is issuing this rule under authority in 46 U.S.C. 70034 (previously 33 U.S.C. 1231). The Captain of the Port Detroit (COTP) has determined the float down poses significant risk to public safety and property from 12 p.m. through 7 p.m. on August 18, 2024. The likely combination of large numbers of participants, strong river currents, limited rescue resources, and difficult emergency response scenarios could easily result in serious injuries or fatalities to float down participants and spectators. Therefore, the COTP is establishing a safety zone around the event location to help minimize risks to safety of life and property during this event.

##### IV. Discussion of the Rule

This rule establishes a safety zone from 12 p.m. through 7 p.m. on August 18, 2024. The safety zone will begin at Lighthouse Beach and encompass all U.S. waters of the St. Clair River bound by a line starting at a point on land north of Coast Guard Station Port Huron at position 43°00.416' N; 082°25.333' W, extending east to the international boundary to a point at position 43°00.416' N; 082°25.033' W, following south along the international boundary to a point at position 42°54.500' N; 082°27.683' W, extending west to a point on land just north of Stag Island at position 42°54.500' N; 082°27.966' W, and following north along the U.S. shoreline to the point of origin (WGS 84). No vessel or person will be permitted to enter the safety zone without obtaining permission from the COTP or a designated representative. Vessel operators must contact the COTP or his or her on-scene representative to obtain permission to transit through this safety zone. Additionally, no one under the age of 18 will be permitted to enter the safety zone if they are not wearing a Coast Guard approved personal floatation device. The COTP or his or

her on-scene representative may be contacted via VHF Channel 16.

## 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 Executive Order 12866. 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, duration, and time-of-day of the safety zone. Vessel traffic will not be able to safely transit around this safety zone which will impact a designated area of the St. Clair River for 7 hours. Moreover, the Coast Guard would issue a Broadcast Notice to Mariners via VHF-FM marine channel 16 about the zone, and the rule would allow vessels to seek permission to enter the zone.

### 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 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 safety zone lasting 7 hours that will prohibit entry to a designated portion of the St. Clair River is categorically excluded from further review under paragraph L[60] 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 (water), Reporting and record keeping 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.T09–0679 to read as follows:

### § 165.T09–0679 Safety Zones; Port Huron Float Down, St. Clair River, Port Huron, MI.

(a) *Location.* A safety zone is established to include all U.S. navigable waters of southern Lake Huron and the St. Clair River adjacent to Port Huron,

MI, beginning at Lighthouse Beach and encompassing all U.S. waters of the St. Clair River bound by a line starting at a point on land north of Coast Guard Station Port Huron at position 43°00.416' N; 082°25.333' W, extending east to the international boundary to a point at position 43°00.416' N; 082°25.033' W, following south along the international boundary to a point at position 42°54.500' N; 082°27.683' W, extending west to a point on land just north of Stag Island at position 42°54.500' N; 082°27.966' W, and following north along the U.S. shoreline to the point of origin (NAD 83). (WGS 84).

(b) *Enforcement period.* The safety zone described in paragraph (a) will be enforced from 12 p.m. through 7 p.m. on August, 18, 2024.

(c) *Regulations.* (1) In accordance with the general regulations in § 165.23, entry into, transiting, or anchoring within the safety zones described in paragraph (a) is prohibited unless authorized by the COTP Detroit or a designated on-scene representative.

(2) The safety zones are closed to all vessel traffic, except as may be permitted by the COTP Detroit or a designated on-scene representative.

(3) The “on-scene representative” of the COTP Detroit is any Coast Guard commissioned, warrant or petty officer or a federal, state, or local law enforcement officer designated by the COTP Detroit to act on his behalf.

(4) Vessel operators desiring to enter or operate within the safety zones must contact the COTP Detroit or an on-scene representative to obtain permission to do so. The COTP Detroit or an on-scene representative may be contacted via VHF Channel 16. Vessel operators given permission to enter or operate in the safety zone must comply with all directions given to them by the COTP Detroit or an on-scene representative.

Dated: July 30, 2024.

**Richard P. Armstrong,**

*Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port Detroit.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

#### 33 CFR Part 165

[Docket No. USCG–2024–0660]

#### Safety Zones; Recurring Safety Zones in Captain of the Port Northern Great Lakes Zone

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notification of enforcement of regulation.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard will enforce various safety zones in August 2024 for marine events taking place in Captain of the Port Northern Great Lakes.

Enforcement of these safety zones is necessary to protect the safety of life and property on the navigable waters immediately prior to, during, and immediately after events. During the period, the Coast Guard will enforce restrictions upon, and control movement of, vessels in a specified area immediately prior to, during, and immediately after events. During each enforcement period, vessels must stay out of the established safety zone and may only enter with permission from the Captain of the Port Northern Great Lakes or a designated representative.

**DATES:** The regulations listed in 33 CFR 165.918 will be enforced for the safety zones identified in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for the dates and times specified.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you have questions about this publication, call or email Waterways Management division, LT Rebecca Simpson, Coast Guard Sector Northern Great Lakes, U.S. Coast Guard; telephone 906–635–3223, email [ssmprevention@uscg.mil](mailto:ssmprevention@uscg.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Coast Guard will enforce the safety zones in 33 CFR 165.918 as per the time, dates, and locations indicated below:

(1) Elk Rapids Harbor Days Fireworks (Elk Rapids, MI; East Arm Grand Traverse Bay, Lake Michigan) from 10:00 p.m. through 10:30 p.m. on August 3, 2024.

(2) Nautical City Fireworks (Rogers City, MI; Lake Huron) from 10:00 p.m. through 10:30 p.m. on August 4, 2024. This notice also includes an alternative rain date from 10:00 p.m. through 10:30 p.m. on August 11, 2024.

This notice of enforcement is issued under authority of 33 CFR 165.918 and 5 U.S.C. 552 (a). In addition to this notice of enforcement in the **Federal Register**, the Coast Guard will provide

the maritime community with advance notification of this enforcement period via Broadcast Notice to Mariners or Local Notice to Mariners. If the Captain of the Port Northern Great Lakes determines that the safety zone need not be enforced for the full duration stated in this notice, he or she may suspend such enforcement and notify the public of the suspension via Broadcast Notice to Mariners and grant general permission to enter the respective safety zone.

Dated: July 30, 2024.

**J.R. Bendle,**

*Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port Northern Great Lakes.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

#### 33 CFR Part 165

[Docket No. USCG–2023–0690]

**RIN 1625–AA08**

#### Special Local Regulations; Recurring Marine Events, Sector Key West, Update; Correction

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS).

**ACTION:** Final rule; correcting amendment.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard published a document in the **Federal Register** on July 19, 2024, revising its existing regulations by updating the table for existing events in the Seventh Coast Guard District Captain of the Port (COTP) Key West. The document contained an incorrect footnote reference.

**DATES:** Effective August 5, 2024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you have questions about this rule, call or email Lieutenant Hailye Wilson, Sector Key West, Waterways Management Division, Coast Guard; telephone 305–292–8768 (ext. 768), email [Hailye.M.Wilson@uscg.mil](mailto:Hailye.M.Wilson@uscg.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The document published on July 19, 2024, at FR doc. 2024–15552, contained an error in the regulatory text set out in instruction 2, revising section (b), in table 1 to 33 CFR 100.701. In section (b), in table 1 § 100.701, line number 4, column number 4, there is a footnote 1; however, there is no text for footnote 1. Reference to footnote 1 will be removed from the regulatory text.