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the signal of one prolonged blast followed by two short blasts if at least 24 hours notice is given.

(f) The draw of the Grand Street bridge mile 0.9 at Bridgeport need not be opened for the passage of vessels. However, the draw shall be returned to operable condition within 12 months after notification by the District Commander to do so.

[CGD3 85-42, 50 FR 26711, June 28, 1985; 50 FR 43387, Oct. 25, 1985; CGD01-99-086; 64 FR 61522, Nov. 12, 1999]

**§ 117.221 Saugatuck River.**

(a) The draw of each moveable bridge shall open at all times as soon as possible for passage of a public vessel of the United States, vessel in tow or for a vessel in distress.

(b) The draw of the Metro-North "SAGA" Bridge, mile 1.1 at Saugatuck shall operate as follows:

(1) Year-round need not open:

(i) Weekdays from 7 a.m. to 8:10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. except on Federal holidays;

(ii) From 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.

(2) From October 1-May 31, open on signal:

(i) Weekdays from 8:10 a.m.-4 p.m.;

(ii) Weekends and Federal holidays 7 a.m.-4 p.m.;

(iii) If at least eight hours notice is given: daily, from 5 a.m.-7 a.m., 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.-9 p.m., and weekends and Federal holidays from 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m.

(3) From June 1-September 30, open on signal 5 a.m.-9 p.m., except as provided in paragraph (b)(1)(i) of this section.

(4) A delay in opening the draw not to exceed 10 minutes may occur when a train scheduled to cross the bridge without stopping has entered the draw-bridge block.

(c) The draw of the Route 136 Bridge, mile 1.3 at Saugatuck shall operate as follows:

(1) Year-round, need not open weekdays, except Federal holidays, from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

(2) From April 15-October 31, open on signal if at least two hours notice is given, except as provided in paragraph (c)(1) of this section.

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(3) From November 1-April 14, open on signal:

(i) From 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. if at least eight hours notice is given;

(ii) From 3 p.m. to 8:30 a.m., if at least 24 hours notice is given, except as provided in paragraph (c)(1) of this section.

[CGD 82-087, 50 FR 13319, Apr. 4, 1985]

**§ 117.223 Shaw Cove.**

The draw of the Amtrak bridge, mile 0.0 at New London, shall open on signal from December 1 through March 31 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. From December 1 through March 31 from 5 p.m. to 8 a.m. and on Saturdays and Sundays, the draw shall open on signal if at least eight hours notice is given. From April 1 through November 30 from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m., the draw shall open on signal; and, from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m., the draw shall open on signal if at least one hour notice is given. A delay of up to 10 minutes may be expected if a train is approaching so closely that it may not be safely stopped. When a vessel is in an emergency that may endanger life or property, the draw shall open as soon as possible.

[CGD 82-025, 49 FR 17452, Apr. 24, 1984; 49 FR 43459, Oct. 29, 1984]

**§ 117.224 Thames River.**

The draw of the Amtrak bridge, mile 3.0 in New London, shall open—

(a) Immediately on signal for vessels owned or operated by the United States Government, state and local vessels used for public safety, vessels in an emergency, and commercial vessels; except, when a train scheduled to cross the bridge without stopping has passed the Midway, Groton, or New London stations and is in motion toward the bridge, the draw shall not be opened for the passage of any vessel until the train has crossed the bridge; and

(b) As soon as practicable for all other vessels but no later than 20 minutes after the signal to open is given.

[CGD 82-025, 49 FR 43459, Oct. 29, 1984]

**§ 117.225 Yellow Mill Channel.**

The draw of the Stratford Avenue bridge, mile 0.3 at Bridgeport, shall

open on signal if at least 24 hours notice is given. Public vessels of the United States and vessels in distress shall be passed as soon as possible.

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**§ 117.231 Brandywine Creek.**

The draw of the Conrail bridge, mile 1.1, the Church Street bridge, mile 1.3, and the Sixteenth Street bridge, mile 1.7, all at Wilmington, need not be opened for the passage of vessels.

[CGD 82-025, 49 FR 17452, Apr. 24, 1984, as amended by CGD3 85-42, 50 FR 26712, June 28, 1985]

**§ 117.233 Broad Creek.**

The draws of the Conrail bridge, mile 8.0, the Poplar Street bridge, mile 8.2, and the US13A bridge, mile 8.2, all at Laurel, shall open on signal if at least four hours notice is given.

**§ 117.235 Chesapeake and Delaware Canal.**

The draw of the Conrail bridge, mile 7.7, shall open on signal. The following light signals, located in the center of the drawspan on both sides of the bridge, shall be used:

- (a) When the draw is to be opened immediately, one fixed amber light.
- (b) When the draw is not ready to be opened, one flashing red light.

**§ 117.237 Christina River.**

(a) The owners of the bridges on this waterway:

(1) Shall provide and keep in good legible condition two board gages painted white with black figures not less than six inches high to indicate the vertical clearance under the closed draw at all stages of the tide. The gages shall be so placed on the bridges that they are plainly visible to the operator of each vessel approaching the bridge either up or downstream.

(2) Shall open on signal except that the draw of a railroad bridge need not be opened when a train is in the bridge block, approaching the bridge, or within 5 minutes of the passage of a passenger train; but in no event shall the opening of the draw be delayed more than 10 minutes.

(b) The draw of the Norfolk Southern Railroad Bridge, mile 1.4 at Wilmington, shall operate as follows:

(1) The draw shall remain in the open position for navigation. The draw shall only be closed for train crossings or periodic maintenance authorized in accordance with subpart A of this part.

(2) The bridge shall be operated by the controller at the Harrisburg, PA Dispatcher's Office. The controller shall monitor vessel traffic with closed circuit cameras and infrared sensors covering the swing radius. Operational information will be provided 24 hours a day on marine channel 13 and via telephone (717) 541-2140.

(3) The bridge shall not be operated from the remote location in the following events: Failure or obstruction of the infrared sensors, closed-circuit cameras or marine-radio communications, or anytime controller's visibility is inhibited. In these situations, a bridge tender with Norfolk Southern must be called and on-site within 30 minutes.

(4) Before the bridge closes for any reason, the remote operator will monitor waterway traffic in the area. The bridge shall only be closed if the off-site remote operator's visual inspection shows that the channel is clear and there are no vessels transiting in the area. While the bridge is moving, the operator shall maintain constant surveillance of the navigation channel.

(5) Before closing the draw, the channel traffic lights would change from flashing green to flashing red, the horn will sound five short blasts, and an audio voice warning stating, "Attention, Attention. Norfolk Southern Railroad Bridge over Christina River at milepost 1.4 will be closing to river traffic." Five short blasts of the horn will continue until the bridge is seated and locked down to vessels. The channel traffic lights will continue to flash red.

(6) When the rail traffic has cleared, the horn will sound one prolonged blast followed by one short blast to indicate the draw is opening to vessel traffic. During the opening swing movement, the channel traffic lights would flash red until the bridge returns to the fully open position. In the full open position to vessels, the bridge channel lights