

**§ 117.585**

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**§ 117.585 Acushnet River.**

(a) The drawspan will be opened promptly, provided proper signal is given, on the following schedule:

(1) On the hour between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. inclusive;

(2) At a quarter past the hour between 11:15 a.m. and 6:15 p.m. inclusive.

(3) At all other times on call.

(b) The draw will be opened at any time for vessels whose draft exceeds 15 feet, for vessels owned or operated by the U.S. Government, the State of Massachusetts, or by local authorities.

(c) Each opening of the draw, from the time vehicular traffic flow is stopped until the flow resumes, shall not exceed 15 minutes except for vessels whose draft exceeds 15 feet or in extraordinary circumstances.

(d) From 6 p.m. on December 24 to midnight on December 25 and from 6 p.m. on December 31 to midnight on January 1, the draw shall open on signal if at least a two-hour notice is given by calling the number posted at the bridge.

[CGD 1-84-10R, 49 FR 36841, Sept. 20, 1984, as amended by CGD01-00-135, 65 FR 38207, June 20, 2000]

**§ 117.586 Annisquam River and Blynman Canal.**

The draw of the Blynman (SR127) Bridge shall open on signal, except that, from noon to 6 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day, 6 p.m. on December 24 to midnight on December 25, and from 6 p.m. on December 31 to midnight on January 1, the draw shall open on signal if at least a two-hour advance notice is given by calling the number posted at the bridge.

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**§ 117.587 Apponagansett River.**

(a) The draw of the Padanaram Bridge mile 1.0 shall open on signal 1 May through 31 October from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily as follows:

(1) The bridge shall open on signal, twice an hour, on the hour and the half hour between 5 a.m. and 9 a.m. and between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m.

(2) The bridge shall open on signal, once an hour, on the hour between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m.

(b) At all other times the bridge shall open if at least four (4) hours advance notice is given.

(c) The owners of this bridge shall provide and maintain mooring facilities for vessels to make fast while waiting for the bridge to open.

(d) The owners of this bridge shall provide and keep in good legible condition, clearance gauges for each draw with figures not less than twelve (12) inches high designed, installed and maintained according to the provisions of section 118.160 of this chapter.

[CGD01-95-008, 60 FR 29761, June 6, 1995]

**§ 117.588 Bass River.**

The Hall Whitaker Bridge, mile 0.6 at Beverly, shall operate as follows:

(a) Public vessels of the United States and state or local vessels used for public safety shall be passed as soon as possible.

(b) The owners of this bridge shall provide and keep in good legible condition clearance gauges for each draw with figures not less than 12 inches high designed, installed and maintained according to the provisions of § 118.160 of this chapter.

(c) That the draw of the Hall Whitaker bridge shall open on signal if at least 24 hours notice is given by commercial and recreational vessels.

[CGD1-91-015, 56 FR 41460, Aug. 21, 1991]

**§ 117.589 Cape Cod Canal.**

The draw of the Conrail railroad bridge, mile 0.7 at Bourne, shall operate as follows:

(a) The draw is normally in the fully open position except for the passage of trains or for maintenance. No signal is required if the draw is in the fully open position.

(b) If the draw is not in the fully open position, the opening signal is one prolonged and one short blast.

(c) Signals to be sounded from the bridge are—

(1) Immediately preceding the opening of the draw, one prolonged blast;

(2) Immediately preceding the closing of the draw, two prolonged blasts;

(3) When a vessel has sounded the opening signal and the draw cannot be opened immediately, five short blasts in a rapid succession; and

(4) When the draw is closed and visibility is reduced in foggy weather, five short blasts in rapid succession every two minutes.

**§ 117.591 Charles River and its tributaries.**

(a) The following requirements apply to all bridges across the Charles River and its tributaries:

(1) Public vessels of the United States, state or local vessels used for public safety, and vessels in distress shall be passed through the draw of each bridge as soon as possible without delay at any time. The opening signal from these vessels is four or more short blasts of a whistle or horn, or a radio request.

(2) The owners of these bridges shall provide and keep in good legible condition clearance gauges for each draw with figures not less than 12 inches high designed, installed and maintained according to the provisions of § 118.160 of this chapter.

(3) Trains and locomotives shall be controlled so that any delay in opening the draw span shall not exceed ten minutes. However, if a train moving toward the bridge has crossed the home signal for the bridge before the signal requesting opening of the bridge is given, that train may continue across the bridge and must clear the bridge interlocks before stopping.

(4) Except as provided in paragraph (b) through (f) of this section, the draws shall open on signal.

(b) The draw of the Charlestown Bridge, mile 0.4 at Boston, need not be opened for the passage of vessels.

(c) The draw of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA/Amtrak Bridge, mile 0.8, at Boston, shall open on signal; except that from 6:15 a.m. to 9:10 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays, the draw need not be opened for the passage of vessels, except as stated in paragraph (a)(1) of this section.

(d) The draw of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (East Cambridge Viaduct) railroad Bridge,

mile 1.0 at Boston, need not be opened for the passage of vessels. However, the operating machinery of the draw shall be maintained in an operable condition.

(e) The draw of the Metropolitan District Commission (Craigie) Bridge, mile 1.0 at Boston, shall operate as follows:

(1) Open on signal; except that from 6:15 a.m. to 9:10 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays, the draw need not open for the passage of vessels, except as stated in paragraph (a)(1) of this section.

(2) From December 1 to March 31, the draw shall open on signal after a 24 hour advance notice is given.

(3) From midnight to 8 a.m., April, May, October, and November, the draw shall open on signal after at least an eight-hour advance notice is given.

(f) The draws of the bridges across Broad Canal, mile 0.0, need not open for the passage of vessels. However, the draws shall be returned to operable condition within one year after notification by the District Commander to do so.

[CGD1 91-141, 57 FR 30405, July 9, 1992, as amended by CGD01-02-026, 68 FR 59116, Oct. 14, 2003]

**§ 117.593 Chelsea River.**

All drawbridges across the Chelsea River shall open on signal. The opening signal for each drawbridge is two prolonged blasts followed by two short blasts and one prolonged blast. The acknowledging signal is three prolonged blasts when the draw can be opened immediately and is two prolonged blasts when the draw cannot be opened or is open and must be closed.

**§ 117.595 Danvers River.**

(a) The requirements in this paragraph apply to all bridges across the Danvers River:

(1) The owners of these bridges shall provide and keep in good legible condition clearance gauges for each draw with figures not less than 12 inches high, designed, installed, and maintained according to the provisions of § 118.160 of this chapter.

(2) Trains and locomotives shall be controlled so that any delay in opening the draw span shall not exceed ten