assembled highway vehicles, including truck camper units.

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Cargo-carrying unit. As used in this part, cargo-carrying unit means any portion of a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) combination (other than a truck tractor) used for the carrying of cargo, including a trailer, semitrailer, or the cargo-carrying section of a single-unit truck. The length of the cargo carrying units of a CMV with two or more such units is measured from the front of the first unit to the rear of the last [including the hitch(es) between the units].

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3. In § 658.13, paragraph (b)(3) is revised to read as follows:

§ 658.13 Length.

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(b) * * *

(3) No State shall impose an overall length limitation on commercial vehicles operating in truck tractor-semitrailer or truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer combinations.

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4. In § 658.17, paragraphs (i) and (k) are revised to read as follows:

§ 658.17 Weight.

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(i) The provisions of paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) of this section shall not apply to single-, or tandem-axle weights, or gross weights legally authorized under State law on July 1, 1956. The group of axles requirement established in this section shall not apply to vehicles legally grandfathered under State groups of axles tables or formulas on January 4, 1975. Grandfathered weight limits are vested on the date specified by Congress and remain available to a State even if it chooses to adopt a lower weight limit for a time.

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(k) Any vehicle which is regularly and exclusively used as an intrastate public agency transit passenger bus is excluded from the axle weight limits in paragraphs (c) through (e) of this section until October 1, 2003.

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Appendix A to Part 658 [Amended]

5. Appendix A to part 658 is amended for the State of Florida by removing the note at the end of the listing for that State.

Appenix C to Part 658 [Amended]

6. Appendix C to part 658 is amended in the listing for the State of Utah for the combination ''Truck-trailer-trailer'' under the heading of ''ROUTES'' by removing the phrase, ''combination with a cargo carrying length greater than 85 feet.''

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 100

[CGD 08–98–018]

RIN 2115–AE46

Special Local Regulations; Eighth Coast Guard District Annual Marine Events

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is revising Table 1, its list of annual marine events that occur within the Eighth Coast Guard District. This action is being taken to ensure the safety of life and property during each event, while avoiding the necessity of publishing a separate temporary regulation each year for each event. Table 1 reflects the approximate dates and locations of each annual recurring marine event.

DATES: This final rule will become effective February 22, 1999.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulatory History

A notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) was published on Tuesday, June 16, 1998, (63 FR 32774) in the **Federal Register** proposing to revise Table 1 to 33 CFR 100.801, the list of annual marine events that occur within the Eighth Coast Guard District. That proposal also noted the revision would include the territories previously encompassed by the Second Coast Guard District as a result of the Eighth Coast Guard District's absorption of the Second Coast Guard District. The Coast Guard received no comments on the proposed rulemaking. A public hearing was not requested and one was not held.

Background and Purpose

This rulemaking updates the existing list of anticipated annual marine events in the Eighth Coast Guard District. This revision also reflects the Eighth Coast Guard District's absorption of the territories previously encompassed by the Second Coast Guard District. It does so by deleting 33 CFR § 100.201, the list of annual marine events in the old Second Coast Guard District, and by expanding 33 CFR § 100.801 to include both territories.

Regulatory Evaluation

This rule is not a significant regulator action under section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866 and did not require an assessment of potential costs and benefits under section 6(a)(3) of that Order. It has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget under that Order. It is not significant under the regulatory policies and procedures of the Department of Transportation (DOT) (44 FR 11040; February 26, 1979).

The Coast Guard expects the economic impact of this rule to be so minimal that a full Regulatory Evaluation under paragraph 10e of the regulatory policies and procedures of DOT was unnecessary. The economic impact is not significant because this rule serves only to update an already existing list of marine events and does not change the process for reviewing such occurrences.

Small Entities

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*), the Coast Guard considered whether this rule will have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. ''Small entities'' include small businesses, not-for-profit organizations that are independently owned, operated, and not dominant in their fields, and governmental jurisdictions with populations of less than 50,000.

The segment of the listed waterways regulated is the minimum necessary to assure the safety of life and property on or adjacent to navigable waters. These regulations are relatively brief in duration and will only affect marine traffic. Therefore, 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.

Collection of Information

No information is collected under this rule. This rule complies with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*)

Federalism Implications

The Coast Guard has analyzed this rule under the principles and criteria contained in Executive Order 12612 and has determined that this rule does not have sufficient federalism implications

to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

Environment

The Coast Guard is revising its list of recurring marine events. The listing itself will not affect the environment. When an event application is received, the Coast Guard will conduct an environmental analysis for the event. Under figure 2-1 paragraph (34)(h) of Coast Guard Commandant Instruction M16475.1C, this revision is categorically excluded from further environmental documentation.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 100

Marine safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and record keeping requirements, Waterways.

Final Regulations

In consideration of the foregoing, the Coast Guard is amending Part 100 of Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations, as follows:

PART 100—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for Part 100 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1233; 49 CFR 1.46; and 33 CFR 100.35.

§ 100.201 [Removed]

2. Remove § 100.201.

3. § 100.801 is amended by revising Table 1 to read as follows:

§ 100.801 Annual Marine Events in the Eighth Coast Guard District.

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TABLE 1 of § 100.801

Group Upper Mississippi River:
- Fair St. Louis
  - Sponsor: Fair St. Louis Committee
  - Date: 3 Days—1st Week in July
  - Regulated Area: Upper Mississippi River miles 179.2–180.0, St. Louis, MO
- Fourth of July River Front Blast
  - Sponsor: Alton Exposition Commission
  - Date: 1 Day—1st Week in July
  - Regulated Area: River Front Park, Upper Mississippi River miles 202.5–203.5, Alton, IL
- Busch Beer Drag Boat Classic
  - Sponsor: St. Louis Drag Boat Association
  - Date: 2 Days—1st or 2nd Week of September
  - Regulated Area: Kaskaskia River miles 28.0–29.0, New Athens, IL
- The Great Steamboat Race
  - Sponsor: Delta Queen Steamboat Company
  - Date: 1 Day—4th of July
  - Regulated Area: Upper Mississippi River miles 173.6–179.2, St. Louis, MO
- Riverfest Power Boat Grand Prix
  - Sponsor: Twin City Power Boat Association
  - Date: 1 Day—2nd Saturday in June
  - Regulated Area: Upper Mississippi River miles 980.0–981.0, Little Falls, MN
- Oak Ridge Sprints—Rowing Race
  - Sponsor: Oak Ridge (Tennessee) Rowing Association
  - Date: 3 Days—3rd Weekend in July
  - Regulated Area: Clinch River miles 49.8–51.1, Anderson County, TN
- W.A.M.S.O. Ball Fireworks
  - Sponsor: St. Paul Parks and Recreation
  - Date: 1 Day—1st or 2nd Saturday in June
  - Regulated Area: Upper Mississippi River miles 839.1–839.7, St. Paul, MN
- Winona Downtown Arts & River Festival
  - Sponsor: Winona Downtown Cooperative
  - Date: 2 Days—2nd or 3rd Weekend in June
  - Regulated Area: Upper Mississippi River miles 725.0–726.0, Winona, MN
- La Crosse Riverfest
  - Sponsor: Riverfest Inc.
  - Date: 5 Days—Last Week of June or 1st Week of July
  - Regulated Area: Upper Mississippi River miles 698.0–699.0, La Crosse, WI
- Steamboat Days
  - Sponsor: Winona Area Jaycees
  - Date: 3 Days—1st Weekend in July
  - Regulated Area: Upper Mississippi River miles 725.0–726.0, Winona, MN
- Independence Day Celebration
  - Sponsor: Marquette American Legion
  - Date: 2 Days—1st Week in July
  - Regulated Area: Upper Mississippi River miles 634.5–634.7, Marquette, IA
- City of Redwing 4th of July Fireworks
  - Sponsor: City of Redwing
  - Date: 1 Day—4th of July
  - Regulated Area: Upper Mississippi River miles 790.0–791.0, Red Wing, MN
- City of Minneapolis 4th of July Fireworks
  - Sponsor: City of Minneapolis
  - Date: 1 Day—4th of July
  - Regulated Area: Upper Mississippi River miles 854.7–855.8, Minneapolis, MN
- Celebrate the Bridge Regatta
  - Sponsor: Minneapolis Rowing Club
  - Date: 1 Day—2nd or 3rd Saturday in July
  - Regulated Area: Upper Mississippi River miles 849.8–850.4, Minneapolis, MN

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Hastings Rivertown Days
Sponsor: Hastings Chamber of Commerce
Date: 3 Days—3rd Weekend in July
Regulated Area: Upper Mississippi River miles 813.0–815.2, Hastings, MN
Lumberjack Days Festival
Sponsor: St. Croix Events and/or City of Stillwater
Date: 4 Days—3rd or 4th Weekend in July
Regulated Area: Lower St. Croix River miles 22.9–23.5, Stillwater, MN
Minneapolis Aquatennial
Sponsor: Minneapolis Aquatennial Association
Date: 9 Days—3rd Weekend through 4th Weekend in July
Regulated Area: Upper Mississippi River miles 854.7–856.2, Minneapolis, MN
Big Splash Festival
Sponsor: City of Prairie du Chien and Lentzkow Racing
Date: 4 Days—3rd Weekend of July
Regulated Area: Upper Mississippi River miles 634.5–636.0, Prairie du Chien, WI
River City Days
Sponsor: Red Wing Chamber of Commerce
Date: 2 Days—1st or 2nd Weekend in August
Regulated Area: Upper Mississippi River miles 790.0–792.0, Red Wing, MN
RiverFeast
Sponsor: Capital City Partnership d.b.a. RiverFeast
Date: 1 Day—3rd or 4th Saturday in July
Regulated Area: Upper Mississippi River miles 839.0–839.8, St. Paul, MN
Riverboat Days
Sponsor: City of Yankton, Twin City Power Boat Association, WNAX Radio
Date: 3 Days—3rd Weekend in August
Regulated Area: Missouri River miles 805.0–806.0, Yankton, SD
Labor Day Celebration
Sponsor: City of McGregor Chamber of Commerce
Date: 4 Days—Last Weekend in August
Regulated Area: Upper Mississippi River miles 633.0–634.0, McGregor, IA
Minnesota Orchestra on the Mississippi Fireworks Show
Sponsor: City of St. Paul Parks and Recreation
Date: 1 Day—1st or 2nd Saturday in September
Regulated Area: Upper Mississippi River miles 839.1–839.7, St. Paul, MN
Group Ohio Valley:
TRRA Scholastic Spring
Sponsor: Three Rivers Rowing Association, Pittsburgh, PA
Date: 1 Day—1st Sunday in May
Regulated Area: Allegheny River miles 2.0–4.0, Pittsburgh, PA
Albert Gallatin Regatta
Sponsor: Point Marion (Pennsylvania) Rotary Club
Date: 2 Days—Saturday & Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend
Regulated Area: Monongahela River miles 89.9–90.8, Point Marion, PA
Blessing of The Fleet
Sponsor: Pittsburgh Safe Boating Committee
Date: 1 Day—2nd or 3rd Sunday in June
Regulated Area: Allegheny River miles 0.0–0.2, Pittsburgh, PA
Saint Brendan Cup Rowing Race
Sponsor: Pittsburgh Irish Rowing Club
Date: 1 Day—2nd or 3rd Saturday in June
Regulated Area: Ohio River miles 7.0–9.0, Pittsburgh, PA
Lottie McAlice Rowing Race
Sponsor: Three Rivers Rowing Association, Pittsburgh, PA
Date: 2 Days—Saturday & Sunday Near July 15
Regulated Area: Allegheny River miles 2.0–3.0, Pittsburgh, PA
Oakmont Regatta
Sponsor: Oakmont Yacht Club, Oakmont, PA
Date: 2 Days—Last Saturday and Sunday in July
Regulated Area: Allegheny River miles 11.8–12.3, Oakmont, PA
City of Pittsburgh Light Up Night Fireworks
Sponsor: Citiparks
Date: 1 Day–1st Friday in November
Regulated Area: Ohio River miles 0.0–0.2, Pittsburgh, PA
City of Pittsburgh July 4th Celebration
Sponsor: Citiparks
Date: 1 Day—4th of July
Regulated Area: Ohio River miles 0.0–0.2, Pittsburgh, PA
EZ Challenge Speedboat Race
Sponsor: APR Events Group, New Martinsville, WV
Date: 2 Days—Saturday & Sunday on or about 4th of July
Regulated Area: Ohio River miles 77.0–78.0, Brooke County, WV
Steubenville (Ohio) Regatta Rumble On The River
Sponsor: Steubenville Regatta And Racing Association, Inc.

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Date: 3 Days—Friday, Saturday & Sunday nearest August 15
Regulated Area: Ohio River miles 65.0–67.0, Jefferson County, OH
Pittsburgh Three Rivers Regatta
Sponsor: Pittsburgh Three Rivers Regatta, Inc.
Date: 7 Days—End of July or beginning of August
Regulated Area: One mile around point at confluence of Allegheny River miles 0.0–0.1, Monongahela River miles 0.0–0.1, and Ohio River miles 0.0–0.1, Pittsburgh, PA
Armstrong County (Pennsylvania) Regatta
Sponsor: Three Rivers Outboard Racing Association
Date: 2 Days—Saturday & Sunday nearest August 15
Regulated Area: Allegheny River miles 43.8–45.7, Armstrong County, PA
Beaver County Riverfest
Sponsor: Beaver County Chamber of Commerce, Beaver, PA
Date: 3 Days—Friday, Saturday & Sunday nearest August 15
Regulated Area: Ohio River miles 25.1–25.8, Beaver River miles 0.1–0.3, Beaver County, PA
Head of The Ohio
Sponsor: Pittsburgh Mercy Foundation
Date: 1 Day—1st Saturday in October
Regulated Area: Allegheny River miles 0.0–3.3, Pittsburgh, PA
River Heritage Days Regatta And Powerboat Races
Sponsor: River Heritage Days Committee
Date: 2 Days—Saturday & Sunday—2nd or 3rd Weekend in June
Regulated Area: Ohio River miles 127.6–128.5, New Martinsville, WV
Point Pleasant Sternwheel Regatta
Sponsor: City of Point Pleasant
Date: 3 Days—Last Weekend in June
Regulated Area: Ohio River miles 260.0–261.0, Kanawha River miles 0.0–0.5, Point Pleasant, WV
St. Albans Riverfest
Sponsor: St. Albans Riverfest, Inc.
Date: 2 Days—1st Weekend in July
Regulated Area: Kanawha River miles 46.0–47.0, St. Albans, WV
Summer Motion Festival Tri-State Fireworks
Sponsor: Tri-State Fair and Regatta Committee
Date: 1 Day—4th of July
Regulated Area: Ohio River miles 322.4–322.6, Ashland, KY
Parkersburg Homecoming Festival
Sponsor: Parkersburg Homecoming Festival
Date: 2 Days—3rd Weekend in August
Regulated Area: Ohio River miles 184.0–185.0, Parkersburg, WV
Charleston Sternwheel Regatta
Sponsor: Charleston Festival Commission
Date: 4 Days—The 2 Weekends before Labor Day
Regulated Area: Kanawha River miles 57.0–59.0, Charleston, WV
Ohio River Sternwheel Festival
Sponsor: Ohio River Sternwheel Festival Commission
Date: 2 Days—1st or 2nd Weekend in September
Regulated Area: Ohio River miles 170.0–180.0, Marietta, OH
Thunder Over Louisville
Sponsor: Thunder Over Louisville
Date: 1 Day—3rd Saturday in April
Regulated Area: Ohio River miles 602.0–605.00, Louisville, KY
Kentucky Derby Festival Great Steamboat Race
Sponsor: Kentucky Derby Festival/Belle of Louisville Operating Board
Date: 1 Day—Last Week in April or First Week in May
Regulated Area: Ohio River 597.0–604.0, Louisville, KY
Thunder On The Ohio
Sponsor: Evansville Freedom Festival
Date: 3 Days—Last Weekend in June
Regulated Area: Ohio River miles 792.0–793.0, Evansville, KY
Augusta Sternwheel Days
Sponsor: City of Augusta/Sternwheel Days Committee
Date: 1 Day—Last Saturday in June
Regulated Area: Ohio River miles 426.0–429.0, Augusta, KY
Indiana Governor's Cap
Sponsor: Madison Regatta Inc.
Date: 3 Days—1st Weekend in July
Regulated Area: Ohio River miles 557.0–558.0, Madison, KY
Kentucky Drag Boat Association Inc.: Drag Boat Races
Sponsor: Kentucky Drag Boat Association Inc.
Date: 3 Days—End of August
Regulated Area: Green River miles 70.0–71.5, Livermore, KY
WEBN/Toyota Fireworks
Sponsor: WEBN
Date: 1 Day—Sunday before Labor Day

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Regulated Area: Ohio River 469.2–470.5, Cincinnati, OH
Ducks On The Ohio
Sponsor: Goodwill Industries, Inc.
Date: 1 Day—2nd or 3rd Weekend in September
Regulated Area: Ohio River miles 792.0–793.0, Evansville, KY
Head of Licking Regatta
Sponsor: Kendle, Cincinnati Rowing Club, City of Newport
Date: 1 Day—Last Saturday in September
Regulated Area: Licking River miles 0.0–3.5, Newport, KY
Fleur De Lis Regatta
Sponsor: City of Louisville, KY
Date: 2 Days—Last Weekend in September
Regulated Area: Ohio River miles 602.0–604.0, Louisville, KY,
Eskimo Escapades—Water Ski Race
Sponsor: Skiers of Knoxville, TN
Date: 1 Day—2nd Saturday in January
Regulated Area: Tennessee River miles 648.0–649.0, Knoxville, TN
Tom White Invitational—Rowing
Sponsor: Oak Ridge (Tennessee) Rowing Association
Date: 1 Day—2nd or 3rd Saturday in March
Regulated Area: Clinch River miles 49.8–51.1, Anderson County, TN
Oak Ridge Scholastics—Rowing Shells
Sponsor: Oak Ridge (Tennessee) Rowing Association
Date: 1 Day—4th Saturday in April
Regulated Area: Clinch River miles 49.8–50.8, Anderson County, TN
Blessing of the Fleet—Parade of Boats
Sponsor: Jonathan Aurora Action Committee, Aurora, KY
Date: 1 Day—2nd or 3rd Weekend in May
Regulated Area: Tennessee River miles 42.0–43.0, Aurora, KY
Annual Boat Review—Marine Parade
Sponsor: Chattanooga Marine Trade Association
Date: 1 Day—1st Saturday in May
Regulated Area: Tennessee River miles 471.0–478.0, Hamilton County, TN
Festival On The Lake—Rowing Race
Sponsor: Oak Ridge (Tennessee) Rowing Association
Date: 2 Days—4th Weekend in June
Regulated Area: Clinch River miles 50.3–50.8, Anderson Country, TN
Riverbend Festival—Concerts and Fireworks
Sponsor: Friends of the Festival, Chattanooga, TN
Date: 4 Days—1st & 2nd Weekend in June
Regulated Area: Tennessee River miles 463.4–464.5, Chattanooga, TN
Annual Superman Celebration—Fireworks
Sponsor: Metro Chamber, Metropolis, IL
Date: 1 Day—2nd Saturday in June
Regulated Area: Ohio River miles 942.0–943.0, Metropolis, IL
Chattanooga Dam Triathlon—Lake Swim
Sponsor: Chattanooga Track Club
Date: 1 Day—4th Sunday in June
Regulated Area: Tennessee River miles 471.0–471.5, Chattanooga, TN
Fitness System's Lock Triathlon—Lake Swim
Sponsor: Greater Knoxville Triathlon Club
Date: 1 Day—4th Weekend in July
Regulated Area: Clinch River Miles 22.0–23.0, Loudon County, TN
Paducah Summer Festival—Fireworks
Sponsor: Paducah Promotions
Date: 1 Day—4th Weekend In July
Regulated Area: Ohio River miles 934.0–935.0, Paducah, KY
Independence Day Celebration—Fireworks
Sponsor: Paducah Parks Department
Date: 1 Day—4th of July
Regulated Area: Ohio River miles 935.5–936.0, Paducah, KY
Rocketman Triathlon—Lake Swim
Sponsor: Spring City Triathlon, Huntsville, AL
Date: 1 Day—2nd or 3rd Saturday in July
Regulated Area: Tennessee River miles 324.0–324.5, Madison County, TN
Independence Day Celebration—Boat Parade and Fireworks
Sponsor: Metropolitan Board of Parks and Recreation, Nashville, TN
Date: 1 Day—4th of July
Regulated Area: Cumberland River miles 190.0–191.0, Nashville, TN
4th of July Celebration—Fireworks
Sponsor: Players Riverboat Casino, Metropolis, IL
Date: 1 Day—3rd or 4th of July
Regulated Area: Ohio River miles 943.0–944.0, Metropolis, IL
My 102 Booms Day—Fireworks
Sponsor: WMYU Radio, Knoxville, TN

TABLE 1 of § 100.801—Continued

Date: 1 Day—1st Weekend in September
Regulated Area: Tennessee River miles 645.0–649.0, Knoxville, TN
Fall Color Cruise—Marine Parade
Sponsor: Alhambra Shrine, Chattanooga, TN
Date: 2 Day—3rd and 4th Saturdays in October
Regulated Area: Tennessee River miles 425.0–471.0, Chattanooga, TN
Chattanooga Head Race—Rowing Race
Sponsor: Look Out Rowing Club
Date: 1 Day—2nd Saturday in October
Regulated Area: Tennessee River miles 464.0–467.0, Chattanooga, TN
Head of Tennessee Regatta
Sponsor: Knoxville Rowing Association
Date: 1 Day—2nd Saturday in October
Regulated Area: Tennessee River miles 641.5–645.0, Knoxville, TN
Christmas on the River—Marine Parade
Sponsor: Chattanooga Downtown Partnership
Date: 1 Day—Last Weekend in November or 1st Weekend in December
Regulated Area: Tennessee River miles 464.0–469.0, Chattanooga, TN
Cross River Swim Paducah Summerfest
Sponsor: Paducah Tourist & Convention Commission
Date: 1 Day—3rd Saturday in July
Regulated Area: Ohio River miles 934.5–936, Paducah, KY
UT Coaches Regatta—Rowing Race
Sponsor: Oak Ridge (Tennessee) Rowing Association
Date: 1 Day—2nd or 3rd Saturday in May
Regulated Area: Clinch River miles 49.8–51.1, Anderson County, TN
Southeast Intercollegiate Rowing Championships—Rowing Race
Sponsor: Oak Ridge (Tennessee) Rowing Association
Date: 2 Days—3rd Weekend in April
Regulated Area: Clinch River miles 49.8–51.1, Anderson County, TN
NCAA Regional Championships—Rowing Race
Sponsor: Oak Ridge (Tennessee) Rowing Association
Date: 1 Day—2nd or 3rd Saturday in May
Regulated Area: Clinch River miles 49.8–51.1, Anderson County, TN
Oak Ridge Sprints—Rowing Race
Sponsor: Oak Ridge (Tennessee) Rowing Association
Date: 3 Days—3rd Weekend in July
Regulated Area: Clinch River miles 49.8–51.1, Anderson County, TN
Group Lower Mississippi River:
Memphis in May Canoe & Kayak Race
Sponsor: Outdoors, Inc.
Date: 1 Day—1st or 2nd Saturday in May
Regulated Area: Lower Mississippi River miles 735.5–738.5, Memphis, TN
Duckin' Down the River Rubber Duck Race
Sponsor: Young Women's Community Guild
Date: 1 Day—1st or 2nd Saturday in May
Regulated Area: Arkansas River miles 308.2–308.6, Fort Smith, AR
Memphis in May Sunset Symphony Fireworks Display
Sponsor: Memphis in May International Festival, Inc.
Date: 1 Day—Saturday before Memorial Day
Regulated Area: Lower Mississippi River miles 735.0–736.0, Memphis, TN
Riverfest, Little Rock Arkansas
Sponsor: Riverfest, Inc.
Date: 1 Day—Sunday before Memorial Day
Regulated Area: Arkansas River miles 118.8–119.5, Main Street Bridge, Little Rock, AR
Riverfest Fireworks Display
Sponsor: Old Fort Riverfest Committee
Date: 1 Day—2nd or 3rd Saturday in June
Regulated Area: Arkansas River miles 297.0–298.0, Fort Smith, AR
Star Spangled Celebration
Sponsor: WMC Stations
Date: 1 Day—4th of July
Regulated Area: Lower Mississippi River miles 735.5–736.5, Mud Island, Memphis, TN
Pops on the River Fireworks Display
Sponsor: Arkansas Democrat-Gazette
Date: 1 Day—4th of July
Regulated Area: Arkansas River miles 118.8–119.5, Main Street Bridge, Little Rock, AR
Meat on the River Barbecue Cook-Off Fireworks Display
Sponsor: Meat on the Mississippi
Date: 1 Day—1st Friday or Saturday in August
Regulated Area: Lower Mississippi River miles 847.0–849.0, Caruthersville, MO
Budweiser/Jesse Brent Memorial Boat Racing Association
Sponsor: Budweiser/Jesse Brent Memorial Boat Racing Association
Date: 1 Day—Sunday before Labor Day

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Regulated Area: Lake Ferguson, Lower Mississippi River miles 522.0–537.0, Greenville, MS
Arkansas National Drag Boat Association
Sponsor: Mid-South Drag Boat Association
Date: 2 Days—Saturday and Sunday before Labor Day
Regulated Area: Lake Langhofer, Arkansas River miles 71.0–71.5, Pine Bluff, AR
Group Mobile:
Air Sea Rescue
Sponsor: Gulf Coast Shows
Date: 1st or 2nd Weekend in February
Regulated Area: Mobile River ½ mile up river and ½ mile down river from the Mobile Convention Center, Mobile, AL
Annual Labor Day Fireworks
Sponsor: City of Destin, FL
Date: Day of or Day before Labor Day
Regulated Area: Destin Pass Between and Including Buoys 8 & 9, Destin, FL
Bass Tournament Weight-In
Sponsor: Gulf Coast Shows
Date: 2 Days—3rd or 4th Weekend in February
Regulated Area: Mobile River ½ mile upriver and ½ mile down river from the Mobile Convention Center, Mobile, AL
Blessing of the Fleet—Biloxi, MS
Sponsor: St. Michael's Catholic Church
Date: 1 Day—1st or 2nd Sunday in May
Regulated Area: Entire Biloxi Channel, Biloxi, MS
Blessing of the Fleet—Bayou La Batre, AL
Sponsor: St. Margaret Church
Date: 1 Day—2nd or 3rd Sunday in May
Regulated Area: Entire Bayou La Batre, Bayou La Batre, AL
Flag Day Parade
Sponsor: Warrior River Boating Association
Date: 1 Day—July 5th
Regulated Area: Warrior River Bankhead Lake River miles 368.4–386.4, Cottondale AL
Independence Day Fireworks, Destin, FL
Sponsor: City of Destin
Date: 1 Day—4th of July
Regulated Area: Destin Eastpass between and including Buoys 8 & 9, Destin, FL
Independence Day Fireworks, Gulf Shores, AL
Sponsor: City of Gulf Shores
Date: 1 Day—4th of July
Regulated Area: 500 yard radius around fireworks platform adjacent to Main Pavilion at Gulf Shore Public Beach, Gulf Shores, AL
Independence Day Fireworks, Panama City, FL
Sponsor: US Navy MWR NSWCCSS CP21
Date: 1 Day—4th of July
Regulated Area: 500 yard radius around fireworks platform adjacent to Hathaway Bridge in St. Andrews Bay, Panama City, FL
Water Ski Demonstrations
Sponsor: Gulf Coast Shows
Date: 2 Days—3rd or 4th Weekend in February
Regulated Area: Mobile River ½ mile upriver and ½ mile down river from the Mobile Convention Center, Mobile, AL
Independence Day Fireworks, Niceville & Valparaiso, FL
Sponsor: Niceville-Valparaiso Bay Chamber of Commerce
Date: 1 Day—4th of July
Regulated Area: Entire Boggy Bayou, Valparaiso, FL
Christmas Afloat, Tuscaloosa, AL
Sponsor: Christmas Afloat, Inc.
Date: 1 Day—2nd or 3rd Weekend in December
Regulated Area: Warrior River miles 338.0–341.0, Tuscaloosa County, AL
Group New Orleans:
The Blessing of the Fleet and Fireworks Display, Morgan City, LA
Sponsor: LA Shrimp and Petroleum Festival and Fair Assoc., Inc.
Date: 1 Day—Sunday of Labor Day Weekend
Regulated Area: Berwick Bay From Junction of the Lower Atchafalaya River at Morgan City, LA to Berwick Locks Buoy 1 (LLNR 18445)
July Fourth Fireworks Display
Sponsor: City of Morgan City, LA
Date: 1 Day—4th of July
Regulated Area: Gulf Intracoastal Waterway Between mile Markers 95 and 97 and North to Railroad Bridge, Morgan City, LA
Blessing of The Fleet
Sponsor: Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church, Golden Meadow, LA
Date: 1 Day—2nd Saturday in May
Regulated Area: Bayou Lafourche in Downtown Golden Meadow, LA, area
Annual Patterson Pirogue Race, Patterson, LA
Sponsor: Rotary Club of Patterson
Date: 1 Day—4th of July
Regulated Area: Lower Atchafalaya River—Jennings Bridge to 1 mile South of Jennings Bridge, Patterson, LA
USS KIDD Star Spangled Celebration, Baton Rouge, LA
Sponsor: USS KIDD and Nautical Center

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Date: 1 Day—4th of July
Regulated Area: Lower Mississippi River miles 229.4–229.6, Baton Rouge, LA
Uncle Sam Jam Fireworks, Alexandria, LA
Sponsor: Champion Broadcasting of Alexandria
Date: 1 Day—4th of July
Regulated Area: Red River, Alexandria, LA
Monroe Jaycees Fireworks, Monroe, LA
Sponsor: Monroe Jaycees
Date: 1 Day—4th of July
Regulated Area: Ouachita River at the Parish Court House, Monroe, LA
Boomtown Casino Fireworks, Harvey, LA
Sponsor: Boomtown Casino
Date: 1 Day—4th of July
Regulated Area: Harvey Canal, Harvey, LA
Kenner Fireworks, Kenner, LA
Sponsor: City of Kenner
Date: 1 Day—4th of July
Regulated Area: 500 yard radius around fireworks platform in Lake Pontchartrain at Williams Blvd., Kenner, LA
Bally's Casino Fireworks, New Orleans, LA
Sponsor: Bally's Casino
Date: 1 Day—4th of July
Regulated Area: 500 yard radius around fireworks platform in Lake Pontchartrain, ¼ miles North of Bally's Casino, New Orleans, LA
Riverfront Marketing Fireworks, New Orleans, LA
Sponsor: Riverfront Marketing Group
Date: 1 Day—4th of July
Regulated Area: 500 yard radius around fireworks platform adjacent to Woldenburg Park in Mississippi River, New Orleans, LA
Riverfront Marketing Fireworks, New Orleans, LA
Sponsor: Jax Brewery
Date: 1 Day—December 31
Regulated Area: 500 yard radius around fireworks platform in Mississippi River adjacent to Woldenburg Park, New Orleans, LA
Riverfront Marketing Fireworks, New Orleans, LA
Sponsor: Riverfront Marketing Group
Date: 1 Day—Lundi Gras Day
Regulated Area: 500 yard radius around fireworks platform in Mississippi River adjacent to Algiers Point, New Orleans, LA
Annual Hogdown Fireworks, Mandeville, LA
Sponsor: Mr. R.C. Lunn
Date: 1 Day—4th of July
Regulated Area: 500 yard radius around fireworks platform adjacent to intersection of Tangipahoa River and Lake Pontchartrain, Mandeville, LA
Group Galveston:
Neches River Festival, Beaumont, TX
Sponsor: Neches River Festival, Inc.
Date: 2 Days—3rd Weekend in April
Regulated Area: Neches River from Collier's Ferry Landing to Lawson's Crossing at the end of Pine St., Beaumont, TX
Contraband Days Fireworks Display, Lake Charles, LA
Sponsor: Contraband Days Festivities, Inc.
Date: 1 Day—1st Saturday of May
Regulated Area: 500 foot radius from the fireworks barge in Lake Charles anchored at approximate position 30°13′54″N 093°13′42″W, Lake Charles, LA
Neches River 4th of July Celebration, Beaumont, TX
Sponsor: City of Beaumont
Date: 1 Day—4th of July
Regulated Area: River Front Park, Beaumont, TX—All waters of the Neches River, bank to bank, from the Trinity Industries Dry Dock to the northeast corner of the Port of Beaumont's dock No. 5
Christmas on the Neches River, Port Neches Park
Sponsor: Port Neches Chamber of Commerce
Date: 1 Day—1st Saturday in December
Regulated Area: Waters adjacent to Neches River Front Park, Port Neches, TX
Clear Lake Fireworks Display, Clear Lake, Houston, TX
Sponsor: Clear Lake Chamber of Commerce
Date: 1 Day—4th of July
Regulated Area: Rectangle extending 500 feet East, 500 feet West; 1000 feet North, and 1000 feet South around fireworks barge at Light #19 on Clear Lake, Houston, TX
Sylvan Beach Fireworks Display, Sylvan Beach, Houston, TX
Sponsor: City of LaPorte
Date: 1 Day—Last of June or Early July
Regulated Area: Rectangle Extending 250 feet East, 250 feet West; 1000 feet North, and 1000 feet South, around fireworks barge at Sylvan Beach, Houston, TX
Group Corpus Christi:
Bayfest Fireworks Display
Sponsor: Bayfest, Inc.
Date: 2 Days—3rd Friday & Saturday in September
Regulated Area: Bayfront, All Waters inside Corpus Christi Marina Levee, Corpus Christi Bay, TX
Great Tugboat Challenge
Sponsor: Bayfest, Inc.

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Date: 2 Days—3rd Friday & Saturday in September
Regulated Area: Bayfront, All Waters inside Corpus Christi Marina Levee, Corpus Christi Bay, TX
Buccaneer Days Fireworks Display
Sponsor: Buccaneer Commission, Inc.
Date: 1 Day—Last Friday in April or First Friday in May
Regulated Area: Bayfront, All Waters inside Corpus Christi Marina Levee, Corpus Christi Bay, TX
Corpus Christi 4th of July Fireworks Display
Sponsor: City of Corpus Christi
Date: 1 Day—4th of July
Regulated Area: Bayfront, All Waters inside Corpus Christi Marina Levee, Corpus Christi Bay, TX
Harbor Lights
Sponsor: City of Corpus Christi
Date: 1 Day—1st Saturday in December
Regulated Area: Bayfront, All Waters inside Corpus Christi Marina Levee, Corpus Christi Bay, TX

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Drawbridge Operation Regulations: Taunton River, MA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is changing the operating rules for the Brightman Street Bridge, mile 1.8, over the Taunton River between Somerset and Fall River, Massachusetts

This final rule requires one hour's advance notice during the winter months at night and two hours' on Christmas and New Year's day. This change to the regulations will remove the requirement to crew the bridge because there have been few requests to open the bridge during the above time periods.

DATES: This final rule is effective January 21, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Documents as indicated in this preamble are available for inspection or copying at the First Coast Guard District Office, 408 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, Ma. 02110–3350, between 7 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is (617) 223–8364.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John W. McDonald, Project Officer, First Coast Guard District, (617) 223–8364.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: .

Regulatory History

The Coast Guard published a notice of proposed rulemaking entitled Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Taunton River, MA., in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 27241) on May 18, 1998. The Coast Guard received three comment letters in response to the notice of proposed rulemaking. A public hearing was requested. The Coast Guard did not hold a public hearing because the Coast Guard determined that an opportunity for oral comments would not aid in this rulemaking. All the comments were the same. The bridge-opening logs did not support the claims in the comment letters. The logs showed very few openings historically during the times the bridge will be in a one-hour advance-notice status, and no new information was submitted to justify a need to have the bridge crewed at all times. The record clearly indicated that there were only a few openings at night in the winter months.

Background

The Brightman Street Bridge has a vertical clearance at mean high water (MHW) of 27 feet and at mean low water (MLW) of 31 feet. The bridge is presently required to open on signal at all times. The bridge owner, Massachusetts Highway Department (MHD), requested that the Coast Guard consider a change to the operating regulations for the Brightman Street Bridge to require one hour's advance notice for openings from November 1 through March 31, between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m., and two hours' from 6 p.m. to midnight on December 24th, all day on December 25th, and all day on January 1st.

The bridge-opening logs for the Brightman Street Bridge documented openings November 1st through March 31st, 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., as follows: 1995–1996, 11 openings; 1996–1997, 15 openings; and 1997–1998, 20 openings. The Coast Guard believes that it is reasonable to allow this bridge to operate on one-hour's advance notice during the three days because there have been so few requests to open the bridge during them. The advance notice requirement for December 24th and 25th and January 1st has been granted each year by the Coast Guard as a result of a written request from the bridge owner. There have been no requests to open the bridge on those days according to the bridge-opening logs. This final rule will make the holiday advance-notice requirement for these three days a permanent part of the bridge operating regulations and will also change the regulations to relieve the bridge owner of the present requirement to crew the bridge during the winter months at night November 1st through March 31st from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. daily.

Discussion of Comments and Changes

The Coast Guard received two comment letters in response to the notice of proposed rulemaking during the comment period. Both comment letters opposed the advance notice requirement during the winter months at night. The letters were from an attorney representing Shaws Boat Yard and Somerset Marina, Inc. The letters were identical in content. The letters requested a public hearing to discuss the proposed regulations, claiming that 65% to 75% of all hauling and launching of vessels at their facilities occur at night, November through March from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. daily. The marinas indicated concern that they could lose business as a result of the bridge being placed on one hour's advance notice for openings during the winter months at night. They believe that the mariners would not be willing to provide the required one hour's notice for bridge openings. The bridge-opening logs for the last three years do not support this claim. The Coast Guard reached a decision for this final rule based upon the factual log data.