clearance under the closed draw at all stages of the tide. The gauges shall be so placed on the bridge that they are plainly visible to operators of vessels approaching the bridge either up or downstream.

[CGD05–98–111, 64 FR 59624, Nov. 3, 1999]

§ 117.716 Delaware River.

The following requirements apply to all drawbridges across the Delaware River:

(a) The draws of railroad bridges need not be opened when there is a train in the bridge block approaching the bridge with the intention of crossing, or within five minutes of the known time of the passage of a scheduled passenger train.

(b) The opening of a bridge may not be delayed more than five minutes for a highway bridge or 10 minutes for a railroad bridge, after the signal to open is given.

(c) The owners of drawbridges 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 bridge that they are plainly visible to operators of vessels approaching the bridge either up or downstream.

[CGD 82–025, 49 FR 43460, Oct. 29, 1984]

§ 117.719 Elizabeth River.

(a) The draw of the South Front Street bridge, mile 0.0 at Elizabeth, shall open on signal if at least three hours notice is given.

(b) The draws of the South First Street bridge, mile 0.4 at Elizabeth, shall open on signal if at least three hours notice is given.

(c) The draws of the New Jersey Transit Rail Operations railroad bridge, mile 0.7, the Baltic Street bridge, mile 0.9, the Summer Street bridge, mile 1.3, the South Street bridge, mile 1.8, and the Bridge Street bridge, mile 2.1, all at Elizabeth, need not be opened for the passage of vessels.


§ 117.720 Great Channel.

The draw of the County of Cape May bridge, mile 0.7, between Stone Harbor and Nummy Island, shall open on signal except that:

(a) From May 15 through October 15 from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., the draw need only open if at least four hours advance notice is given.

(b) From October 16 through May 14, the draw need only open if at least 24 hours advance notice is given.

(c) From 9:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on the fourth Sunday in March of every year, the draw need not open for vessels. If the fourth Sunday falls on a religious holiday, the draw need not open from 9:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on the third Sunday of March of every year.

[CGD05–06–045, 71 FR 59383, Oct. 10, 2006]

§ 117.721 Grassy Sound Channel.

The draw of the Grassy Sound Channel Bridge, mile 1.0 in Middle Township, shall open on signal from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. from May 15 through September 30. From 9:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on the fourth Sunday in March of every year, the draw need not open for vessels. If the fourth Sunday falls on a religious holiday, the draw need not open from 9:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on the third Sunday of March of every year. Two hours advance notice is required for all other openings by calling (609) 368–4591.

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§ 117.722 Great Egg Harbor Bay.

The draw of the U.S. Route 9/Beesleys Point Bridge, mile 3.5, shall open if at least two hours’ notice is given from October 1 to May 14 from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m., from May 15 to September 30 from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., and from 8 p.m. on December 24 until and including 6 a.m. on December 26 of every year; and shall open on signal at all other times.


§ 117.723 Hackensack River.

(a) The following requirements apply to all bridges across the Hackensack River: