least 12 hours advance notice is pro-
vided prior to a vessel’s intended time
of passage.
(b) The owner of the bridge shall pro-
vide and keep in good legible condition
two board gauges painted white with
black figures not less than six inches
high to indicate the vertical clearance
under the closed draw at all water lev-
els. The gages shall be placed on the
bridge so that they are plainly visible
to operators of vessels approaching the
bridge either up or downstream.
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§ 117.643 Pine River (St. Clair).
The draw of the S29 bridge, mile 0.1
at St. Clair, shall open on signal from
April 1 through November 30 from 2
a.m. to 8 a.m. and from 8 a.m. to 2 a.m.
on the hour and one-half hour. From
December 1 through March 31, the draw
shall open on signal if at least 24 hours
notice is given. Public vessels of the
United States, state or local vessels
used for public safety, and vessels in
distress shall be passed through the
draw as soon as possible.

§ 117.647 Saginaw River.
(a) The draws of the Lake State Rail-
way Bridge, mile 3.10, and the Canadian
National Railway Bridge, mile 4.94,
both in Bay City, shall open on signal;
except that from January 1 through
March 31, the draws shall open on sig-
nal if at least 12 hours advance notice
is provided.
(b) The draws of the Independence
Bridge, mile 3.88, Liberty Street
Bridge, mile 4.99, Veterans Memorial
Bridge, mile 5.60, and Lafayette Street
Bridge, mile 6.78, all in Bay City, shall
open on signal, except as follows:
(1) From April 15 through November
1, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 8 p.m.,
Monday through Friday, except fed-
eral holidays, the draws of the Inde-
pendence and Veterans Memorial
Bridges need open only from three
minutes before to three minutes after
the hour and half-hour, and the Liberty
Street and Lafayette Street bridges
need open for the passage of re-
creational vessels only from three
minutes before to three minutes after
the quarter-hour and three-quarter hour.
(2) From January 1 through March 31,
the draws of these bridges shall open
on signal if at least 12 hours advance
notice is provided.

§ 117.651 St. Joseph River.
The draws of the US33 (Blossomland)
bridge, mile 0.9, and the BL–94 (Bicen-
tennial) bridge, mile 1.3, both at St. Jo-
seph, shall be operated as follows:
(a) From March 1 through May 14,
from October 1 through December 15,
and from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. from May 15
through September 30, the draws shall
open on signal.
(b) From 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. from May 15
through September 30, the draw of the
Blossomland bridge need be opened
only from three minutes before to
three minutes after the hour and half
hour, and the draw of the Bicentennial
bridge need be opened only from three
minutes before to three minutes after
the quarter and three-quarter hour.
(c) From December 16 through the
last day of February, the draw of both
bridges shall open on signal if at least
12 hours notice is given.
(d) Public vessels of the United
States, state and local government ves-
sels used for public safety, commercial
vessels, and vessels in distress shall be
passed through the draw of both
bridges as soon as possible.

§ 117.653 St. Mary’s Falls Canal.
The draw of the International Rail-
way bridge, mile 1.0 at Sault Ste.
Marie, shall be maintained in the fully
open position during the navigation
season, except for the crossings of
trains or for maintenance. Bridge op-
erators shall not give precedence to rail-
way traffic and shall not close the
bridge against an upbound vessel after
lock gates are open and the vessel is
proceeding toward the bridge, nor
against a downbound vessel, 1,200 feet
or less west of the bridge, unless the
vessel is moored at either canal pier
awaiting its turn to take position at
lock approaches.

§ 117.655 Thunder Bay River.
The draw of the Second Avenue
bridge, mile 0.3 at Alpena, shall open
on signal if at least three hours notice