DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117
[Docket No. USCG–2011–0081]

Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Sacramento River, Sacramento, CA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Commander, Eleventh Coast Guard District, has issued a temporary deviation from the regulation governing the operation of the Tower Drawbridge across the Sacramento River, mile 59.0, at Sacramento, CA. The deviation is necessary to allow the community to participate in the Annual Cesar Chavez March. This deviation allows the bridge to remain in the closed-to-navigation position during the event.

DATES: This deviation is effective from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on March 26, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket are part of docket USCG–2011–0081 and are available online by going to http://www.regulations.gov, inserting USCG–2011–0081 in the “Keyword” box and then clicking “Search”. They are also available for inspection or copying at the Docket Management Facility (M–210), West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Joe Arca, Project Officer, First Coast Guard District, joe.m.arca@uscg.mil, telephone (212) 668–7165. If you have questions on viewing the docket, call Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202–366–9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Witt Penn Bridge, across the Hackensack River at mile 3.1 has a vertical clearance in the closed position of 35 feet at mean high water and 40 feet at mean low water. The existing drawbridge operation regulations are listed at 33 CFR 117.723.

The waterway has seasonal recreational vessels, and commercial vessels of various sizes. Most vessels that presently use this waterway can pass under the bridge without a bridge opening.

The owner of the bridge, New Jersey Department of Transportation, requested a temporary deviation to facilitate the replacement of the AC drive motors and subsequent testing.

Under this temporary deviation the Witt Penn Bridge, mile 3.1, across the Hackensack River may require a two-hour advance notice for bridge openings from April 4, 2011 through May 8, 2011. Vessels that can pass under the bridge without a bridge opening may do so at all times.

In accordance with 33 CFR 117.35(e), the bridge must return to its regular operating schedule immediately at the end of the designated time period. This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.


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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
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33 CFR Part 117
[Docket No. USCG–2011–0116]

Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Cape Fear River, Wilmington, NC

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District, has issued a temporary deviation from the regulation governing the operation of the Cape Fear River Memorial Bridge, across the Cape Fear River, mile 26.8, at Wilmington, NC. The deviation restricts the operation of the draw span to facilitate the cleaning and painting of the structure.

DATES: This deviation is effective from 7 a.m. on March 15, 2011 through 11:59 p.m. on July 30, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket are part of docket USCG–2011–0116 and are available online by going to http://www.regulations.gov,
inserting USCG–2011–0116 in the “Keywords” box, and then clicking “Search”. They are also available for inspection or copying at the Docket Management Facility (M–30), U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this rule, call or e-mail Mr. Bill H. Brazier, Bridge Management Specialist, Fifth Coast Guard District; telephone 757–398–6422, e-mail Bill.H.Brazier@uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing the docket, call Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, (202) 366–9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The North Carolina Department of Transportation, who owns and operates this vertical-lift bridge, has requested a temporary deviation from the current operating schedule to facilitate painting of the structure.

Under the regular operating schedule the bridge opens on signal as required by 33 CFR 117.5, except that under 33 CFR 117.823, the draw need not open for the passage of vessels from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. on the second Saturday of July and from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. on the second Sunday of November every year.

The Cape Fear River Memorial Bridge across the Cape Fear River, mile 26.8, at Wilmington, NC has vertical clearances in the open and closed positions of 135 feet and 65 feet above mean high water, respectively.

Under this temporary deviation, the drawbridge will operate as follows: From 7 a.m. on March 15, 2011 through 11:59 p.m. on July 30, 2011 vessel openings will be provided if at least three hours advance notice is given to the bridge tender at (910) 251–5773 or via marine radio on channel 18 VHF. In addition, to accommodate scaffolding, the available vertical clearances of portions of the drawbridge (up to half of the drawbridge at one time) will be reduced by approximately four feet to 131 feet and 61 feet above mean high water, respectively. There are no alternate routes for vessels transiting this section of the Cape Fear River.

Typical vessel traffic on the Cape Fear River includes a variety of vessels from freighters, tug and barge traffic, and recreational vessels. Vessels that can pass under the bridge without a bridge opening may continue to do so at any time.

The Coast Guard has carefully coordinated the restrictions with commercial and recreational waterway users. The Coast Guard will use Local and Broadcast Notice to Mariners to inform all users of the waterway of the closure periods for the bridge so that vessels can arrange their transits to minimize any impacts caused by the temporary deviation.

In accordance with 33 CFR 117.35(e), the draw must return to its regular operating schedule immediately at the end of the designated time period. This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.


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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[Safety Zone, Dredging Operations; Delaware River, Marcus Hook, PA]

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Safety Zone, Dredging Operations; Delaware River, Marcus Hook, PA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary safety zone on the waters of the Delaware River while the Dredge Pullen conducts dredging operations at the Sunoco Marcus Hook docks in the vicinity of the Marcus Hook Range near Marcus Hook, PA. This action is necessary to maintain the 42 ft. berth draft in this portion of the Delaware River. The dredging action will facilitate commerce and safe navigation within the Port of Philadelphia, PA.

DATES: This rule is effective from 8 a.m. on March 3, 2011 through 10 p.m. on March 14, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Documents indicated in this preamble as being available in the docket are part of docket USCG–2011–0127 and are available online by going to http://www.regulations.gov, inserting USCG–2011–0127 in the “Keyword” box, and then clicking “Search.” They are also available for inspection or copying at the Docket Management Facility (M–30), U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590.

The Coast Guard is issuing this temporary final rule without prior notice and opportunity to comment pursuant to authority under section 4(a) of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) (5 U.S.C. 553(b)). This provision authorizes an agency to issue a rule without prior notice and opportunity to comment when the agency for good cause finds that those procedures are “impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest.” Under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for not publishing a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) with respect to this rule because delaying the effective date is contrary to the public interest because the transport of fuel oils is currently hindered by the reduction in vessel draft for that area. In addition, the dredging operations are necessary for the facilitation of safe navigation within the Delaware River. For the same reasons, under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for making this rule effective less than 30 days after publication in the Federal Register.

Basis and Purpose

The dredging described above is necessary for the continuation of safe navigation of deep draft vessels on this part of the Delaware River. This safety zone is necessary to protect mariners and members of the public from the hazards associated with dredging.

Background

On March 3, the Dredge Pullen will begin dredging in the vicinity of Sunoco Marcus Hook for maintenance of the facility berth. Current berth draft does not allow for deep draft vessels to safely deliver and transport cargo through the regulated portion of the Delaware River. Dredging will maintain and ensure a depth of 42 ft. through this portion of the Delaware River. This safety zone will allow dredging operations to ensure the 42 ft. draft of this portion of the Delaware River. Such operations will facilitate the movement of commerce by allowing the dredging to maintain the berth’s 42 foot depth, allowing for deep