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Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117
[Docket No. USCG–2011–1168]

Drawbridge Operation Regulations; 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 regulations governing the operation of the Cape Fear 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 structural repairs and painting of the bridge.

DATES: This deviation is effective from 7 a.m. on March 1, 2012 until 11 p.m. on May 31, 2012.

ADDRRESSES: Documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket USCG–2011–1168 and are available online by going to http://www.regulations.gov, inserting USCG–2011–1168 in the “Keywords” box, and then clicking “Search”. This material is also available for inspection or copying of 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 email Mr. Bill H. Brazier, Bridge Management Specialist, Fifth Coast Guard District, telephone (757) 398–6422, email Bill.H.Brazier@uscg.mil. If you have questions on reviewing the docket, call Renne V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, (202) 366–9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The North Carolina Department of Transportation, who owns and operates this vertical-lift type drawbridge, has requested a temporary deviation from the current operating regulations set out in 33 CFR 117.5, to facilitate the structural repair of the bridge.

Under the regular operating schedule for this temporary deviation period, the bridge opens on signal as required by 33 CFR 117.5.

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

Under this temporary deviation to facilitate the structural repairs and painting, the drawbridge will operate as follows: Need not open from 7 a.m. on March 1, 2012 until and including 11 p.m. on May 31, 2012; except, 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.

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 anytime. The drawbridge is able to open for emergencies.

The Coast Guard has carefully coordinated the restrictions with commercial and recreational waterway users. The Coast Guard will inform all users of the waterway through our Local and Broadcast Notice to Mariners of the
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[Docket No. USCG–2012–0012]

RIN 1625–AA09

Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Curtis Creek, Baltimore, MD

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard has issued a temporary deviation from the operating schedule that governs the I–695 Bridge, across Curtis Creek, mile 1.0, at Baltimore, MD. This deviation allows the bridge to operate on a restricted schedule including six (6) multi-day closures to complete structural repairs.

DATES: This deviation is effective from 6 a.m. on March 1, 2012, to 11:59 p.m. on July 17, 2012. The deviation has been enforced with actual notice since February 10, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket are part of docket USCG–2012–0012 and are available online by going to www.regulations.gov, inserting USCG–2012–0012 in the “Keyword” box, and clicking “Search.” This material is 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.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Maryland Transportation Authority, who owns and operates this double-leaf bascule drawbridge, has requested a temporary deviation from the current operating schedule set out in 33 CFR 117.557 which requires the bridge to open on signal if at least one-hour advance notice is given to the Maryland Transit Authority in Baltimore. The I–695 Bridge has a vertical clearance in the closed position of 58 feet, above mean high water.

Under this temporary deviation to facilitate the replacement of the grid deck, floor beams and stringers, the drawbridge will be closed for six (6) multi-day periods from 7 a.m. on February 10, 2012, through 7 a.m. May 17, 2012, as is more specifically set out below. During these closure periods no vessel openings will be provided. At all other times, vessel openings will be provided on signal if at least 24 hours advance notice is given.

This temporary deviation will not significantly disrupt vessel traffic, because mariners can plan their trips to pass through the bridge between the closure periods when the bridge will be fully operational and vessels that can pass under the bridge without a bridge opening may do so at all times. There is no alternate route for vessels and the event of an emergency during the stated closure periods.

In accordance with 33 CFR 117.35(e), the drawbridge 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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[Docket No. USCG–2012–0108]

Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Lake Pontchartrain, Between Jefferson and St. Tammany Parishes, LA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District has issued a temporary deviation from the regulations governing the operation of the north bascule span of the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission Causeway across Lake Pontchartrain between Metairie, Jefferson Parish and Mandeville, St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana. This deviation allows the draws of the bridge to remain closed to navigation for four days to allow for the repair and maintenance of mechanical parts of the bascule.

DATES: This deviation is effective from 6 a.m. on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 until 6 p.m. on Friday, March 16, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket are part of docket USCG–2012–0108 and are available online by going to http://www.regulations.gov, inserting USCG–2012–0108 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, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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