

**SUMMARY:** This notice implements the special local regulations at 33 CFR 100.515 during a fireworks display to be held June 14, 1999, on the Patapsco River at Baltimore, Maryland. These special local regulations are necessary to control vessel traffic due to the confined nature of the waterway and expected vessel congestion during the fireworks display. The effect will be to restrict general navigation in the regulated area for the safety of spectators and vessels transiting the event area.

**EFFECTIVE DATES:** 33 CFR 100.515 is effective from 6 p.m. EDT (Eastern Daylight Time) to 11 p.m. EDT on June 14, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Chief Warrant Officer R. L. Houck, Marine Events Coordinator, Commander, Coast Guard Activities Baltimore, 2401 Hawkins Point Road, Baltimore, MD 21226-1971, (410) 576-2674.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Flag Day Foundation will sponsor a fireworks display on June 14, 1999 on the Patapsco River, Baltimore Maryland. The fireworks display will be launched from a barge positioned within the regulated area. In order to ensure the safety of participants and transiting vessels, 33 CFR 100.515 will be in effect for the duration of the event. Under provisions of 33 CFR 100.515, a vessel may not enter the regulated area unless it receives permission from the Coast Guard Patrol Commander. Spectator vessels may anchor outside the regulated area but may not block a navigable channel. Because these restrictions will be in effect for a limited period, they should not result in a significant disruption of maritime traffic.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

#### 33 CFR Part 100

[CGD 05-99-036]

#### Special Local Regulations for Marine Events; The Great Chesapeake Bay Swim Event, Chesapeake Bay, Maryland

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of implementation.

**SUMMARY:** This notice implements the special local regulations at 33 CFR

100.507 for the Great Chesapeake Bay Swim Event to be held on June 13, 1999. These special local regulations are needed to provide for the safety of participants and spectators on the navigable waters during this event. The effect will be to restrict general navigation in the regulated area for the safety of participants in the swim, and their attending personnel.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** 33 CFR 100.507 is effective from 7 a.m. EDT (Eastern Daylight Time) until 2 p.m. EDT, on June 13, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Chief Warrant Officer R.L. Houck, Marine Events Coordinator, Commander, Coast Guard Activities Baltimore, 2401 Hawkins Point Rd., Baltimore, MD 21226-1797, (410) 576-2674.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The March of Dimes will sponsor the Great Chesapeake Bay Swim Event on the waters of the Chesapeake Bay between and adjacent to the spans of the William P. Lane Jr. Memorial Bridge. Approximately 600 swimmers will start from Sandy Point State Park and swim between the spans of the William P. Lane Jr. Memorial Bridge to the Eastern Shore. A large fleet of support vessels will be accompanying the swimmers. Therefore, to ensure the safety of the participants and support vessels, 33 CFR 100.507 will be in effect for the duration of the event. Under provisions of 33 CFR 100.507, no vessels may enter the regulated area without permission of the Coast Guard patrol commander. Vessel traffic will be permitted to transit the regulated area as the swim progresses when the Patrol Commander determines it is safe to do so. As a result, maritime traffic should not be significantly disrupted.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

#### 33 CFR Part 117

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#### Drawbridge Regulations; Grand Canal, Florida

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard is changing the regulations governing the operation of the Tortoise Island drawbridge across the Grand Canal at Brevard County, Florida. The current regulations require the bridge to open on signal on Friday and Saturday evenings and on evenings immediately preceding Federal holidays. However, the bridge owner has documented a very low volume of traffic on these evenings. This rule will change the opening requirement for the bridge on these evenings from on signal to giving 30 minutes notice. This change in opening requirements will reasonably meet the needs of vessel traffic.

**DATES:** This rule becomes effective July 8, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Miss Evelyn Smart, Project Manager, Bridge Section, (305) 536-6546.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Regulatory History

On August 28, 1998, the Coast Guard published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking entitled Drawbridge Operation Regulations, Grand Canal, Florida, in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 45978). On February 9, 1999, the Coast Guard published a Supplemental Notice of Proposed Rulemaking entitled Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Grand Canal, Florida, in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 6290). The Coast Guard received two letters commenting on the supplemental proposal. No public hearing was requested, and none was held.

##### Background and Purpose

The Coast Guard completed an analysis of drawbridge openings after reviewing bridge logs provided by the Tortoise Island Homeowners Association in July, 1998. The analysis indicated that a low volume of boat traffic was experienced over an extended period of time. From January 1977 through December 1997, only 7 boats required an opening on weekends and on evenings preceding Federal holidays between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.

The Coast Guard originally proposed changing the opening requirements for weekend evenings and evenings preceding Federal holidays to require 2 hour notice prior to opening. The Coast Guard continues to believe that low vessel traffic during the evening hours on weekends justifies a change in opening requirements for this bridge. However, to minimize the impact on navigation, the Coast Guard decreased its original proposed 2 hour notice requirement to 30 minutes advance notice for a bridge opening on Friday