

Designations and Reporting Points, dated September 4, 1996, and effective September 16, 1996, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6005 Class E airspace.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 100

[CGD 05-97-012]

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Special Local Regulations for Marine Events; Assateague Channel, Chincoteague, Virginia

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard proposes to amend permanent special local regulations established for an annual marine event held in the Assateague Channel, Chincoteague, Virginia by including an additional event for which the regulated area will be in effect. This action is intended to update the regulation in order to enhance the safety of life and property during the events.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 20, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Commander (Aosr), Fifth Coast Guard District, 431 Crawford Street, Portsmouth, Virginia 23704-5004, or hand delivered to Room 516 at the same address between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is (757) 398-6204. Comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

S.L. Phillips, Project Manager, Search and Rescue Branch, at (757) 398-6204.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Comments

The Coast Guard encourages interested persons to participate in this rulemaking by submitting written views,

data, or arguments. Persons submitting comments should include their names and addresses, identify this rulemaking (CGD 05-97-012) and the specific section of this proposal to which each comment applies, and give the reason for each comment. Please submit two copies of all comments and attachments in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. Persons wanting acknowledgment of receipt of comments should enclose stamped, self-addressed postcards or envelopes.

The Coast Guard will consider all comments received during the comment period. It may change this proposal in view of the comments. The Coast Guard plans no public hearing. Persons may request a public hearing by writing to the address listed under **ADDRESSES**. The request should include the reasons why a hearing would be beneficial. If it determines that the opportunity for oral presentations will aid this rulemaking, the Coast Guard will hold a public hearing at a time and place announced by a later notice in the **Federal Register**.

Background and Purpose

The current regulations at 33 CFR 100.519 establish special local regulations for the Pony Penning Swim, a marine event held annually in the Assateague Channel, Chincoteague, Virginia. Since the promulgation of 33 CFR 100.519, an additional marine event, the Chincoteague Power Boat Regatta, has been approved and scheduled on an annual basis in the regulated area. This proposal would add the Chincoteague Power Boat Regatta to the list of events for which the regulations will be in effect, thereby eliminating the need for issuance of temporary rules for this event. This proposal is necessary to control vessel traffic during the event to enhance the safety of participants, spectators, and transiting vessels.

Discussion of Proposed Rule

The Coast Guard proposes to amend the special local regulations previously established for this event area by incorporating a table which identifies specific events during which the regulated area will be in effect and amending the language of the regulation to include reference to this table. Since this action will not significantly increase the period of time that the channel is restricted and the Coast Guard patrol commander may stop any event to assist transit of vessels through the regulated area, normal marine traffic should not be severely disrupted.

Regulatory Evaluation

This proposal is not a significant regulatory action under section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866 and does not require an assessment of potential costs and benefits under section 6(a)(3) of that order. It has been exempted from review by the Office of Management and Budget under that order. It is not significant under the regulatory policies and procedures of the Department of Transportation (DOT) (44 FR 11040; February 26, 1979). The Coast Guard expects the economic impact of this proposal to be so minimal that a full Regulatory Evaluation under paragraph 10e of the regulatory policies and procedures of DOT is unnecessary. The impact on routine vessel navigation is expected to be minimal.

Small Entities

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*), the Coast Guard must consider whether this proposal will have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. "Small Entities" include independently owned and operated small businesses that are not dominant in their field and that otherwise qualify as "small business concerns" under section 3 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632). The Coast Guard expects the economic impact of this proposal to be minimal, and certifies under 5 U.S.C. 605(b), that this proposal, if adopted, will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Collection of Information

This proposal contains no Collection of Information requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

Federalism

The Coast Guard has analyzed this proposal under the principles and criteria contained in Executive Order 12612 and has determined that this proposal does not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

Environment

The Coast Guard considered the environmental impact of this proposal and concluded that, under section 2.b.2.e(34)(h) of Commandant Instruction M16475.1b (as amended, 61 FR 13564; 27 March 1996), this proposal is categorically excluded from further environmental documentation.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 100

Marine Safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Waterways.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, the Coast Guard proposes to amend 33 CFR part 100 as follows:

PART 100—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 100 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1233; 49 CFR 1.46

2. Section 100.519 is amended by revising paragraphs (b)(1) and (c) and adding table 1 to read as follows:

§ 100.519 Assateague Channel, Chincoteague, Virginia.

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(b) *Special local regulations.*—(1) Except for participants registered with the event sponsor and vessels authorized by the Coast Guard Patrol Commander, no person or vessel may enter or remain in the regulated area without the permission of the Patrol Commander.

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(c) *Effective periods.* This regulation is effective annually for the *duration* of each marine event listed in table 1, or as otherwise specified in the Coast Guard Local Notice to Mariners and a **Federal Register** notice. The Coast Patrol Commander will announce by Broadcast Notice to Mariners the specific time periods during which the regulations will be enforced.

TABLE 1 OF § 100.519

Chincoteague Power Boat Regatta:
Sponsor: Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce
Date: Third Saturday and Sunday in June
Pony Penning Swim:
Sponsor: Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Department
Date: Last Wednesday in July and the following Friday

Dated: March 28, 1997.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Coast Guard****33 CFR Part 100**

[CGD01-97-009]

Special Local Regulation: Fireworks Displays Within the First Coast Guard District

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard proposes to revise the special local regulation for annual fireworks displays in the First Coast Guard District. The revision will include additional fireworks displays, and arrange the events listed in Table 1 by order of event date. This regulation is necessary to control vessel traffic within the immediate vicinity of the fireworks launch sites and to ensure the safety of life and property during each event.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 21, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be mailed to Commander (osr), First Coast Guard District, Captain John Foster Williams Federal Building, 408 Atlantic Ave., Boston, MA 02110-3350, or may be hand delivered to Room 734 at the same address, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. Comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lieutenant Commander J.B. Donovan, Office of Search and Rescue, First Coast Guard District, (617) 223-8278.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Request for Comments**

The Coast Guard encourages interested persons to participate in this rulemaking by submitting written data, views, or arguments. Each person submitting comments should include their name and address, identify this notice (CGD01-97-009), the specific section of the proposal to which each comment applies, and give the reason for each comment. Persons requesting acknowledgment of receipt of comments should enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. All comments received during the comment period will be considered by the Coast Guard and may change this proposal.

The Coast Guard has no plans to hold a public hearing. Persons may request a public hearing by writing to Commander (osr), First Coast Guard District at the address under **ADDRESSES**.

The request should include reasons why a hearing would be beneficial. If the Coast Guard determines that oral presentations will aid this rulemaking, it will hold a public hearing at a time and place announced by a later notice in the **Federal Register**. Good cause exists for providing a comment period of less than 60 days. Due to the date final information was available concerning these events, the Coast Guard was unable to publish this NPRM in time to provide a longer comment period. Due to the need to revise Table 1 in order to regulate events occurring in May, additional notice would be impracticable, unnecessary, and contrary to the public interest.

Discussion of Proposed Amendments

Each year, organizations in the First District sponsor fireworks displays in the same location during the same general time period. 33 CFR 100.114 provides special local regulations to ensure the safety of these events. Table 1 of 33 CFR 100.114 provides approximate dates and locations for these annual fireworks events. Each event uses a barge or on-shore site as the fireworks launch platform. The special local regulations control vessel movement within a 500 yard radius around the launch platforms to ensure the safety of persons and property. Coast Guard personnel on-scene may allow persons within the 500 yard radius should conditions permit. The Coast Guard publishes notices in the **Federal Register** which provide the exact dates and times for these events.

The Coast Guard proposes to revise the special local regulation in Section 100.114 by adding and deleting several fireworks displays. The revised list of events is based on input received from organizations throughout the First District. The Coast Guard also proposes to revise Table 1 to list the events in chronological order to ease administration of the events by the Coast Guard and to provide better notice to the public.

The Coast Guard proposes to add the following fireworks displays to Table 1:

First Night Martha's Vineyard
Sponsor: Town of Martha's Vineyard Chamber of Commerce
Date: December 31
Location: Vineyard Haven Harbor, Martha's Vineyard, MA
City of New Bedford First Night
Sponsor: City of New Bedford
Date: December 31
Location: New Bedford Harbor, New Bedford, MA
Hull Memorial Day Festival
Sponsor: Town of Hull
Date: Memorial Day week or weekend