

*Sponsor:* City of Middletown  
*Date:* On or about July 4  
*Location:* Connecticut River, Middletown, CT

31. Hartford Riverfest  
*Sponsor:* July 4th Riverfest, Inc.  
*Date:* On or about July 4  
*Location:* Connecticut River, Hartford, CT

32. City of Norwalk Fireworks  
*Sponsor:* Norwalk Recreation and Parks Department  
*Date:* On or about July 4  
*Location:* Calf Pasture Beach, Long Island Sound, Norwalk, CT

33. Norwich American Wharf Fireworks  
*Sponsor:* American Wharf Marina  
*Date:* On or about July 4  
*Location:* Norwich Harbor, Norwich, CT

34. Old Lyme Fireworks  
*Sponsor:* Mr. James R. Rice  
*Date:* On or about July 4  
*Location:* Sound View Beach, Long Island Sound, Old Lyme, CT

35. Stratford Fireworks  
*Sponsor:* Town of Stratford  
*Date:* On or about July 4  
*Location:* Short Beach, Stratford, CT

36. Westport P.A.L. Fireworks  
*Sponsor:* Westport Police Athletic League  
*Date:* On or about July 4  
*Location:* Compo Beach, Westport, Ct

37. Bayville Crescent Club Fireworks  
*Sponsor:* Bayville Crescent Club, Bayville, NY  
*Date:* On or about July 4  
*Location:* Cooper Bluff, Cove Neck, NY

38. Macy's July 4th Fireworks Display  
*Sponsor:* Macy's East, Inc.  
*Date:* On or about July 4  
*Location:* New York Harbor Upper Bay, Manhattan, NY

39. Montauk Independence Day  
*Sponsor:* Montauk Chamber of Commerce  
*Date:* On or about July 4  
*Location:* Montauk Town Beach, Montauk, NY

40. Dolan Family Fireworks  
*Sponsor:* Mr. Charles F. Dolan  
*Date:* On or about July 4  
*Location:* Cove Point, Oyster Bay, NY

41. Jones Beach State Park Fireworks  
*Sponsor:* Long Island State Park Administration Headquarters  
*Date:* On or about July 4  
*Location:* Fishing Pier, Jones Beach State Park, Wantagh, NY

42. Staten Island's 4th of July  
*Sponsor:* Borough of Staten Island  
*Date:* On or about July 4  
*Location:* Raritan Bay, vicinity of federal anchorages 44 and 45, Ward Point Bend, NY/NJ

43. Fireworks on the Navesink  
*Sponsor:* Red Bank Fireworks Committee  
*Date:* On or about July 4  
*Location:* Navesink River, 4 nm WSW Oceanic Bridge, Red Bank, NJ

44. Brick Summerfest Fireworks  
*Sponsor:* Brick Township Chamber of Commerce  
*Date:* On or about July 4  
*Location:* Metedeconk River, Windward Beach, Brick Township, NJ

45. Thames River Fireworks

*Sponsor:* Town of Groton  
*Date:* Weekend following July 4  
*Location:* Thames River, off Electric Boat, Groton, CT

46. Stamford Fireworks  
*Sponsor:* City of Stamford  
*Date:* A date within first two weeks of July  
*Location:* Westcott Cove, Stamford, CT

47. Town of Babylon Fireworks  
*Sponsor:* Town of Babylon, NY  
*Date:* A date within the first two weeks of July  
*Location:* Nezeras Island, Babylon, NY

48. Boys Harbor Fireworks Extravaganza  
*Sponsor:* Boys Harbor Inc.  
*Date:* Second or third weekend in July  
*Location:* Three Mile Harbor, East Hampton, NY

49. Belfast Fireworks  
*Sponsor:* Belfast Bay Festival Committee  
*Date:* Third Saturday in July  
*Location:* Belfast Bay, ME

AUGUST

1. National Night Out Against Crime  
*Sponsor:* 100th Precinct Community Council  
*Date:* First Tuesday of August  
*Location:* Rockaway Park, Rockaway Beach, NY

2. Summer Music Fireworks  
*Sponsor:* Summer Music Inc.  
*Date:* On or about August 3  
*Location:* Niantic River, Harkness Park, Waterford, CT

3. Hartford Riverfront Regatta  
*Sponsor:* Riverfront Recapture Inc.  
*Date:* First or second weekend in August  
*Location:* Connecticut River, Hartford, CT

4. Fall River Celebrates America Fireworks  
*Sponsor:* Fall River Chamber of Commerce  
*Date:* Second Saturday in August  
*Location:* Taunton River, vicinity of buoy #17, Fall River, MA

5. Summer Music Fireworks  
*Sponsor:* Summer Music Inc.  
*Date:* On or about August 23  
*Location:* Niantic River, Harkness Park, Waterford, CT

6. Oaks Bluff Fireworks  
*Sponsor:* Oaks Bluff Fireman's Civic Association  
*Date:* A date during the last two weeks in August  
*Location:* Oaks Bluff Beach, Oaks Bluff, MA

7. Camden Fireworks Display  
*Sponsor:* Town of Camden Chamber of Commerce  
*Date:* Labor day weekend  
*Location:* Camden Harbor, Camden, ME

8. Gloucester Fireworks  
*Sponsor:* Gloucester Chamber of Commerce  
*Date:* Labor Day holiday weekend  
*Location:* Gloucester Harbor, Gloucester, MA

9. Salute to Summer  
*Sponsor:* Naval Education and Training Center  
*Date:* Friday of weekend preceding Labor Day holiday weekend  
*Location:* Narragansett Bay, East Passage, off Coasters Harbor Island, Newport, RI

10. Norwich Harbor Day Fireworks  
*Sponsor:* Harbor Day Committee  
*Date:* Last Sunday in August

*Location:* Norwich Harbor, off American Wharf Marina, Norwich, CT

SEPTEMBER

1. Grand Fiesta Italiana  
*Sponsor:* Sons of Italy, Port Washington, NY  
*Date:* First Saturday following Labor Day  
*Location:* Hempstead Harbor, Hempstead, NY

2. Taste of Italy  
*Sponsor:* Italian Heritage Committee  
*Date:* Weekend following Labor Day holiday weekend  
*Location:* Norwich Harbor, off Norwich Marina, Norwich, CT

3. Norwalk Oyster Festival Fireworks  
*Sponsor:* Norwalk Seaport Association  
*Date:* A date within the first two weekends of September  
*Location:* Norwalk Harbor, Norwalk, CT

4. Anniversary Fireworks  
*Sponsor:* Town of Chilmark  
*Date:* On or about 14 September  
*Location:* Menemsha Beach, Chilmark, MA

5. City of Yonkers Fireworks  
*Sponsor:* City of Yonkers  
*Date:* Third Saturday of September  
*Location:* Hudson River, Yonkers, NY

6. City of Yonkers Fireworks  
*Sponsor:* City of Yonkers  
*Date:* A date during the second or third weekend of September  
*Location:* Hudson River

7. Cow Harbor Day Fireworks  
*Sponsor:* Village of Northport Harbor  
*Date:* A date within last two weekends of September  
*Location:* Sand Pit, Northport Harbor, Northport, NY

8. Rensselaer Festival  
*Sponsor:* City of Rensselaer  
*Date:* A date during the second or third weekend in September  
*Location:* Hudson River, Rensselaer, NY

9. Deepavali Festival  
*Sponsor:* Association of Indians in America, Inc.  
*Date:* A day during last week of September or first week of October  
*Location:* East River, Manhattan, NY

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Dated: April 10, 1997.

**J.L. Linnon,**  
*Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard Commander,  
 First Coast Guard District.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

#### 33 CFR Part 117

[CGD05-97-002]

RIN 2115-AE47

### Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Ship Channel, Great Egg Harbor Bay, New Jersey

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** At the request of the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), the Coast Guard is proposing to change the regulations governing operation of the Route 52 (Ship Channel) Bridge across Great Egg Harbor Bay, mile 0.5, between Somers Point and Ocean City, New Jersey.

This proposal would require the Route 52 (Ship Channel) Bridge to open on signal except that, between Memorial Day and Labor Day from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., the draw need only open on the hour and half hour. This proposed change is intended to synchronize requests for bridge openings with the nearby Route 52 (Beach Thorofare) Bridge and further reduce the number of openings during the summer tourist season in order to curtail delays to vehicular traffic while still providing for the reasonable needs of navigation.

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

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to Commander (Aowb), USCG Atlantic Area, Federal Building, 4th floor, 431 Crawford Street, Portsmouth, Virginia 23704-5004, or may be hand-delivered to the same address between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is (757) 398-6222. Comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ann Deaton, Bridge Administrator, USCG Atlantic Area, (757) 398-6222.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Request for Comments**

The Coast Guard encourages interested persons to participate in this rulemaking by submitting written views, comments, data, or arguments. Persons submitting comments should include their names and addresses, identify this rulemaking (CGD05-97-002), the specific section of this rule to which each comment supplies, and give reasons for each comment. The Coast Guard requests that all comments and attachments be submitted in an unbound format suitable for copying and electronic filing. If that is not practical, a second copy of any bound material is requested. Persons wanting acknowledgment of receipt of comments should enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope.

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 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**.

**Drafting Information**

The principal persons involved in drafting this document are Mr. Waverly W. Gregory, Jr., Project Manager, Bridge Administration Section, and CDR G. Shelton, Project Counsel, Maintenance and Logistics Command Atlantic Legal Division.

**Background and Purpose**

The current regulations found at 33 CFR 117.753 require the Route 52 (Ship Channel) bridge to open on signal except that from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m., year round a 24 hours advance notice is required; and from Memorial Day through Labor Day from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays, the bridge opens only on the hour and half hour for recreational vessels.

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) has requested that 33 CFR 117.753 be amended to extend the periods during the summer months in which the bridge must open only on the hour and half hour. In support of its request NJDOT contends that its records show that requests for openings from Memorial Day through Labor Day are minimal in number, such that the requested amendment would not significantly affect vessel traffic.

The Coast Guard has reviewed NJDOT's bridge logs for 1993 through 1995, copies of which are available for inspection and copying at the address under **ADDRESSES**. According to the logs, for the years 1993 through 1995, from May through September between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, the Route 52 (Ship Channel) bridge opened 250, 248, and 287 times, respectively for recreational and commercial vessels, an average of 12 openings per week. The Coast Guard believes that the proposed change will balance the needs of vehicular and vessel traffic without unduly restricting vessel navigation.

NJDOT has also recently requested a change to the operating regulations for the Route 52 (Beach Thorofare) Bridge. Due to the close proximity of the Route 52 bridges over Beach Thorofare and Ship Channel, which are located approximately two miles apart, synchronized openings would augment

the effectiveness of the recommended change to the regulations for the Route 52 (Ship Channel) Bridge.

**Discussion of Proposed Amendments**

The Coast Guard proposes to amend Section 117.753 by revising paragraph (b) to require the Route 52 (Ship Channel) Bridge, miles 0.5 Great Egg Harbor Bay, to open on signal except that openings would be limited to on the hour and half hour from Memorial Day to Labor Day from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The Coast Guard proposes to further amend 117.753 by deleting paragraphs (a)(1) and (b)(1) to delete the requirement to open for public vessels of the United States, state and local vessels used for public safety, a vessel in distress, or a vessel with a tow. The regulatory requirements for opening in emergency situations are provided in 33 CFR 117.31. Text modifications to be consistent with other proposed changes will be made in these paragraphs, as appropriate.

**Regulatory Evaluation**

This propose rule 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.

**Small Entities**

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*), the Coast Guard must consider whether this proposal, if adopted, 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). Because it expects the impact of this proposal to be minimal, the Coast Guard 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 will not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant 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. (32)(e) of Commandant Instruction M16475.1B (as amended, 59 FR 38654, 29 July 1994), this proposal is categorically excluded from further environmental documentation. A Categorical Exclusion Determination statement has been prepared and placed in the rulemaking docket.

### List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 117

Bridges.

### Regulations

In consideration of the foregoing, the Coast Guard proposes to amend part 117 of Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations, as follows:

### PART 117—DRAWBRIDGE REGULATIONS

1. The authority citation for part 117 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 33 U.S.C. 499; 49 CFR 1.46; 33 CFR 1.05–1(g); Section 117.255 also issued under the authority of Pub. L. 102–587, 106 Stat. 5039.

2. Section 117.753 is revised to read as follows:

#### § 117.753 Ship Channel, Great Egg Harbor Bay.

The draw of the S52 (Ship Channel) bridge, mile 0.5 between Somers Point and Ocean City, shall open:

(a) From 11 p.m. to 7 a.m., on signal, if at least 24 hours advance notice is given.

(b) From Memorial Day through Labor Day from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., on the hour and half hour.

(c) At all other times, on signal, for any vessel.

Dated: March 25, 1997.

**Kent H. Williams,**  
Vice Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander,  
Fifth Coast Guard District.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

#### 33 CFR Part 117

[CGD05–97–013]

RIN 2115–AE47

#### Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Isle of Wight Bay, Ocean City, MD

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** At the request of the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), the Coast Guard is proposing to change the regulations that govern the operation of the Route 50 drawbridge across Isle of Wight Bay, mile 0.5, located in Ocean City, Maryland, by requiring restricted drawbridge openings for all vessels each Saturday between May 25 and September 15, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. During these times, the bridge need open only on the hour, and must remain in the open position until all waiting vessels pass. All other provisions of the existing regulation for the Route 50 bridge remain the same. This proposed rule is intended to reduce motor vehicle traffic delays and congestion related to summer traffic entering and exiting the town of Ocean City while still providing for the reasonable needs of navigation.

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

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be mailed to Commander (Aowb), USCG Atlantic Area, Federal Building, 4th Floor, 431 Crawford Street, Portsmouth, Virginia 23704–5004, or may be hand delivered to the same address between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is (757) 398–6222. Comments will become a part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ann B. Deaton, Bridge Administrator, USCG Atlantic Area, at (757) 398–6222.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Request for Comments

The Coast Guard encourages interested persons to participate in this rulemaking by submitting written data, views, or arguments. Persons submitting comments should include their names and addresses, identify this rulemaking (CGD05–97–013) and the specific section of this proposal to which each comment applies, and give the reason for each comment. The Coast Guard requests that all comments and

attachments be submitted in an unbound format suitable for copying and electronic filing. If not practical, a second copy of any bound material is requested. Persons wanting acknowledgement of receipt of comments should enclose a stamped self-addressed postcard or envelope.

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#### Drafting Information

The principal persons involved in drafting this document are Bill H. Brazier, Project Manager, Bridge Administration Section, and LT Robert L. Wegman, Project Counsel, Maintenance and Logistics Command Atlantic Legal Division.

#### Background and Purpose

The Route 50 drawbridge, across Isle of Wight Bay, mile 0.5, at Ocean City, Maryland, is currently required to open on signal, except that, from October 1 through April 30 from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., the draw need open only if at least three hours notice is given and, from May 25 through September 15 from 9:25 a.m. to 9:55 p.m. the draw shall open at 25 minutes and 55 minutes after the hour for a maximum of 5 minutes to permit accumulated vessels to pass. MDOT's request to change the current regulation is based on a large number of vacationers traveling to and from Ocean City on Saturday afternoons during the tourist season (summer months). Vacationers entering and existing Ocean City Island every Saturday afternoon of the season create a vehicular traffic surge, an only two highway bridges (Route 50 and Route 90) are available for use.

The Route 90 bridge is a fixed-span structure, and the Route 50 bridge is a drawbridge. Over 350 charter boats historically pass through the Route 50 drawbridge on Saturdays from May 25 through September 15. This produces a dilemma to both waterway users and vehicular traffic trying to access the same drawbridge. MDOT proposes that, by providing only hourly openings on Saturday afternoons as opposed to the current half-hourly openings, vehicular traffic congestion on U.S. 50 will be