

PART 100—SAFETY OF LIFE ON NAVIGABLE WATERS

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

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1233 through 1236; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170, 33 CFR 100.35.

■ 2. Add a temporary § 100.35–T05–049 to read as follows:

§ 100.35–T05–049 Atlantic Ocean, Point Pleasant Beach to Bay Head, New Jersey.

(a) *Definitions.*

(1) *Coast Guard Patrol Commander.* The Coast Guard Patrol Commander is a commissioned, warrant, or petty officer of the Coast Guard who has been designated by the Commander, Coast Guard Group Atlantic City.

(2) *Official Patrol.* The Official Patrol is any vessel with a commissioned, warrant, or petty officer of the Coast Guard on board and displaying a Coast Guard ensign.

(3) *Regulated Area.* The regulated area includes all waters of the Manasquan River from the New York and Long Branch Railroad to Manasquan Inlet, together with all waters of the Atlantic Ocean bounded by a line drawn from the end of the South Manasquan Inlet Jetty, easterly to Manasquan Inlet Lighted Buoy “2M”, then southerly to a position at latitude 40°04′26″ N, longitude 074°01′30″ W, then westerly the shoreline. All coordinates reference Datum NAD 1983.

(b) *Special local regulations:*

(1) The regulated area shall be closed intermittently to general navigation during the effective period. No person or vessel may enter or remain in the regulated area while it is closed unless participating in the event or authorized by the sponsor or regatta patrol personnel. Notice of the closure times will be given via Marine Safety Radio Broadcast on VHF–FM marine band radio, Channel 22 (157.1 MHz).

(2) All persons or vessels not registered with the sponsor as participants or not part of the regatta patrol are considered spectators.

(3) The spectator fleet shall be held in a spectator anchorage area north of the regulated area, which shall be marked by patrol vessels flying pennants to aid in their identification.

(4) No vessel shall proceed at a speed greater than six (6) knots while in Manasquan Inlet during the effective period.

(5) All persons and vessels shall comply with the instructions of U.S. Coast Guard patrol personnel. The operator of a vessel in the regulated area shall stop the vessel immediately when instructed to do so by U.S. Coast Guard

patrol personnel and then proceed as directed. U.S. Coast Guard patrol personnel include commissioned, warrant, and petty officers of the Coast Guard.

(c) *Effective period.* This section is effective from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on June 1, 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**Coast Guard****33 CFR Part 100**

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Special Local Regulations for Marine Events; Delaware River, Pea Patch Island to Delaware City, DE

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing permanent special local regulations for marine events held on the waters of the Delaware River between Pea Patch Island and Delaware City, Delaware. These special local regulations are necessary to provide for the safety of life on navigable waters during the events. This action is intended to restrict vessel traffic in a portion of the Delaware River between Pea Patch Island and Delaware City during the events.

DATES: This rule is effective July 2, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments and material received from the public, as well as documents indicated in this preamble as being available in the docket, are part of docket CGD05–03–013 and are available for inspection or copying at Commander (oax), Fifth Coast Guard District, 431 Crawford Street, Portsmouth, Virginia 23704–5004, between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: S. L. Phillips, Project Manager, Auxiliary and Recreational Boating Safety Section, at (757) 398–6204.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Regulatory Information**

On February 27, 2003 we published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM)

entitled “Special Local Regulations for Marine Events; Delaware River, Pea Patch Island to Delaware City, Delaware” in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 9037). We received no letters commenting on the proposed rule. No public hearing was requested, and none was held.

Background and Purpose

Each year during the months of June and September, marine events are conducted on a portion of the Delaware River between Pea Patch Island and Delaware City, Delaware. The events consist of 175 to 800 athletes swimming from Fort Delaware on Pea Patch Island to Battery Park in Delaware City. A fleet of spectator vessels gathers nearby to view the swimming events. To provide for the safety of participants, spectators and other transiting vessels, the Coast Guard will temporarily restrict vessel traffic in the event area during the events.

Regulatory Evaluation

This rule is not a “significant regulatory action” under section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866, Regulatory Planning and Review, and does not require an assessment of potential costs and benefits under section 6(a)(3) of that Order. The Office of Management and Budget has not reviewed it under that Order. It is not “significant” under the regulatory policies and procedures of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

We expect the economic impact of this rule to be so minimal that a full Regulatory Evaluation under the regulatory policies and procedures of DHS is unnecessary.

Although this regulation will prevent traffic from transiting a portion of the Delaware River during the event, the effect of this regulation will not be significant due to the limited duration that the regulated area will be in effect and the extensive advance notifications that will be made to the maritime community via the Local Notice to Mariners, marine information broadcasts, and area newspapers, so mariners can adjust their plans accordingly. Additionally, the regulated area has been narrowly tailored to impose the least impact on general navigation yet provide the level of safety deemed necessary.

Small Entities

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601–612), we have considered whether this rule would have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The term “small entities” comprises