

Federalism

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

Environment

The Coast Guard has considered the environmental impacts of this rule and concluded that, under paragraph 2.B.2.e.34(h) of COMDTINST 16475.1B, (as revised by 61 FR 13563, March 27, 1996) this is a regulation issued in conjunction with a regatta or marine parade and is categorically excluded from further environmental documentation.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 100

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

Final Regulation

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

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

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1233; 49 CFR 1.46 and 33 CFR 100.35.

2. A temporary section, 100.T01-017, is added to read as follows:

§ 100.T01-017 Quonset Open House, North Kingstown, RI

(a) *Regulated area.* The regulated area includes all waters of the West Passage of Rhode Island Sound within the following points (NAD 83):

Latitude	Longitude
41°35'10" N	071°24'29" W
41°34'54" N	071°23'29" W
41°35'07" N	071°23'29" W
41°36'42" N	071°24'29" W

(b) *Special local regulations.* (1) The Coast Guard patrol commander may delay, modify, or cancel the event as conditions or circumstances require.

(2) No person or vessel may enter, transit, or remain in the regulated area unless participating in the event or unless authorized by the Coast Guard patrol commander.

(3) Vessels encountering emergencies which require transit through the regulated area should contact the Coast Guard patrol commander on VHF Channel 16. In the event of an emergency, the Coast Guard patrol commander may authorize a vessel to transit through the regulated area with a Coast Guard designated escort.

(4) All persons and vessels shall comply with the instructions of the Coast Guard on-scene patrol commander. On-scene patrol personnel may include commissioned, warrant, and petty officers of the U.S. Coast Guard. Upon hearing five or more short blasts from a U.S. Coast Guard vessel, the operator of a vessel shall proceed as directed. Members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary may also be present to inform vessel operators of this regulation and other applicable laws.

(c) *Effective period.* This section is effective on June 1 and 2, 1996, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Dated: May 10, 1996.

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Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander, First Coast Guard District.

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33 CFR Part 100

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Special Local Regulation: Swim the Bay, Narragansett Bay, Narragansett, RI

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing a permanent special local regulation for a swimming competition know as Swim the Bay. The event will be held on July 27, 1996, and each year thereafter on a date and times published in a Federal Register document. This regulation is needed to protect the participants from vessel traffic during the swimming competition.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This rule is effective on June 24, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lieutenant (Junior Grade) Benjamin M. Algeo, Chief, Boating Affairs Branch, First Coast Guard District, (617) 223-8311.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulatory History

A Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) was published on March 20, 1996, (61 FR 11353) proposing the establishment of a permanent special local regulation for the annual swimming competition Swim the Bay. The NPRM proposed to restrict vessels from approaching within 200 feet of any participating swimmer to ensure the safety of participants during the event. No comments were received and no hearing was requested.

Background and Purpose

The annual Swim the Bay competition is a local, traditional event that has been held for many years in the East Passage of Narragansett Bay, Jamestown/Newport, RI. In the past, the Coast Guard has promulgated individual regulations for each year's race. Given the recurring nature of the event, the Coast Guard is establishing a permanent regulation. This rule establishes a regulated area in the East Passage of Narragansett Bay and provides specific guidance to control vessel movement during the race. This rule restricts vessels from approaching within 200 feet of participating competition swimmers.

The event consists of two heats of approximately 100 swimmers racing 1.7 miles from Coasters Harbor Island beach, Newport, RI, to Potters Cove, Jamestown, RI. There will be approximately 25-30 support boats on scene to augment a Coast Guard patrol to alert boating traffic of the presence of the swimmers. The time period for the event is dictated by tidal conditions. Subject to Coast Guard approval, the sponsor selects a Saturday in July or August that most closely exhibits low tide 40 minutes after 8 a.m. Spectator craft are authorized to watch the race from any area as long as they remain 200 feet away from any participating swimmer. In emergency situations, provisions may be made to establish safe escort by a Coast Guard or Coast Guard designated vessel for vessels requiring transit within 200 feet of participating swimmers. This final rule varies from the NPRM in that it provides the exact date and times for this year's race and provides for the effective date and times for subsequent year's events to be published in a Federal Register document.

Regulatory Evaluation

This 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). Due to the short duration of the event and its limited restriction on vessel traffic transiting the East Passage of Narragansett Bay, the Coast Guard expects the economic impact of this rule 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 the economic impact on small entities of a rule for which a general notice of proposed rulemaking is required. "Small entities" may include (1) small businesses and not-for-profit organizations that are independently owned and operated and are not dominant in their fields and (2) governmental jurisdictions with populations of less than 50,000.

For the reasons discussed in the Regulatory Evaluation, the Coast Guard certifies under 5 U.S.C. 605(b) that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. If, however, you think that your business or organization qualifies as a small entity and that this rule will have a significant economic impact on your business or organization, please submit a comment explaining why you think it qualifies and in what way and to what degree this rule will economically affect it.

Collection of Information

This rule 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 action in accordance with the principles and criteria contained in Executive Order 12612, and has determined that this rule does not raise sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

Environment

The Coast Guard has considered the environmental impacts of this rule and concluded that, under paragraph 2.B.2.e.34(h) of COMDTINST 16475.1B, (as revised by 61 FR 13563, March 27, 1996) this rule is a regulation issued in conjunction with a regatta or marine parade and is categorically excluded from further environmental documentation.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 100

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

Final Regulation

For reasons set out in the preamble, the Coast Guard is amending 33 CFR Part 100 as follows:

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

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1233; 49 CFR 1.46 and 33 CFR 100.35.

2. Section 100.112 is added to read as follows:

§ 100.112 Swim the Bay, Narragansett Bay, Narragansett, RI.

(a) *Regulated area.* All waters of the East Passage of Narragansett Bay within 200 feet of participating competition swimmers.

(b) *Special local regulations.* (1) The Coast Guard patrol commander may delay, modify, or cancel the race as conditions or circumstances require.

(2) No person or vessel may enter, transit, or remain in the regulated area unless participating in the event or unless authorized by the Coast Guard patrol commander.

(3) Vessels encountering emergencies which require transit through the regulated area should contact the Coast Guard patrol commander on VHF Channel 16. In the event of an emergency, the Coast Guard patrol commander may authorize a vessel to transit through the regulated area with the Coast Guard designated escort.

(4) All persons and vessels shall comply with the instructions of the Coast Guard on-scene patrol commander. On-scene patrol personnel may include commissioned, warrant, and petty officers of the U.S. Coast Guard. Upon hearing five or more short blasts from a U.S. Coast Guard vessel, the operator of a vessel shall proceed as directed. Members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary may also be present to inform vessel operators of this regulation and other applicable laws.

(c) *Effective period.* This section is effective on July 27, 1996, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and each year thereafter on a date and times published in a Federal Register document.

Dated: May 13, 1996.

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First Coast Guard District.

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33 CFR Part 100

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Special Local Regulation: Revision to Special Local Regulations, 33 CFR Part 100

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is permanently amending a number of

special local regulations governing marine events in the First Coast Guard District. This rule provides the effective dates for these events in 1996 and provides that the effective dates for the following years will be published in a Federal Register notice.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This section is effective on June 24, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lieutenant (Junior Grade) Benjamin M. Algeo, Chief, Boating Affairs Branch, First Coast Guard District, (617) 223-8311.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulatory History

A notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) was published on March 22, 1996, (61 FR 11796) in the Federal Register proposing a permanent change to a number of special local regulations governing marine events in the First Coast Guard District. No comments were received and no hearing was requested.

Background and Purpose

The Coast Guard is permanently amending 33 CFR Part 100, sections 100.103—National Sweepstakes Regatta, 100.107—Windjammer Days, 100.108—Great Kennebec River Whatever Race, 100.111—Stonington Lobster Boat Races, 100.505—New Jersey Offshore Grand Prix, and removing section 100.109—Whatever Festival Hydroplanes. This final rule provides the effective dates for the 1996 events and eliminates the need to undergo the rulemaking process for each event annually by allowing the dates and times for events in later years to be published in a Federal Register notice. This rule varies from the NPRM in that it provides notice of the dates and times of the 1996 events, requires annual notice in the Federal Register rather than a Coast Guard Notice to Mariners, and provides rain dates for the Great Kennebec River Whatever Race, the Stonington Lobster Boat Races, and the New Jersey Offshore Grand Prix. It also removes section 100.109, the Whatever Festival Hydroplanes race, which has been canceled subsequent to the published NPRM.

Regulatory Evaluation

This 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