

(4) If you are paying a lease rental you must:

(i) See § 218.155(c) for instructions on how to pay first-year rentals of an offshore oil, gas, or sulfur lease;

(ii) See the Notice of Lease Offering for instructions on how to pay first-year rentals other than those covered in paragraph (f)(4)(i) of this section; and

(iii) Include the MMS Courtesy Notice, when provided, or write your payor code and government-assigned lease number on the payment document when paying a rental that is not reported on Form MMS-2014 and not paid by EFT.

(g) *When is a payment to MMS due?*

(1) All payments are due to MMS at the time law, regulation, or lease terms require unless MMS approves a change according to 30 CFR 243.2 "Suspensions of orders or decisions pending appeal." If you file an appeal, and the requirement to submit payment is suspended, the original payment due date for purposes such as calculating late payment interest is not changed.

(2) If you use the U.S. Postal Service, courier, or overnight mail to send your payment, it is due at the MMS addresses in paragraphs (d) and (e) of this section before 4 p.m. Mountain Time on the due date, regardless of when you sent it.

(3) If you use EFT to send your payment, it is due in the MMS account by the payment due date. You are responsible for your actions or your bank's actions that cause a late or incorrect payment. You will not be held responsible for mechanical or system failures of EFT payments.

(h) *What happens if payments are late or overdue?* (1) If MMS receives your payment late, MMS will impose a late-payment interest charge under § 218.54.

(2) If you do not pay an amount you owe, MMS may assess civil penalties under 30 CFR 241.20 and 241.51 or other applicable regulations.

3. Paragraph (b)(1) of § 218.155 is amended by revising the last sentence to read as follows:

§ 218.155 Method of payment.

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(b) * * * (1) * * * EFT may be used as a method of payment for the one-fifth bonus bid amount.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 100

[CGD07-96-020]

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Special Local Regulations; Beaufort Water Festival; Beaufort, SC

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard proposes to establish permanent special local regulations for the Beaufort Water Festival. This event will be held annually on the last two weekends of July, between 7:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. Historically, the raft races, sailboat regattas, aerial demonstrations, power boat races, and a parade of ships have drawn approximately 600-1000 participants and 100-150 spectator craft to the Beaufort River each day of the event. The anticipated concentration of spectator and participant vessels associated with the Beaufort Water Festival poses a safety concern. Furthermore, the nature of the events and the closure of the Beaufort River between the Ladys Island swing bridge and Spanish Point creates an extra or unusual hazard in the navigable waters. These proposed regulations are necessary to provide for the safety of life on navigable waters during the event. By establishing these proposed permanent regulations, the Coast Guard expects to give better notice of requirements related to marine events, and also avoid the recurring costs of publication related with temporary regulations. However, the establishment of these proposed permanent regulations would not relieve the event organizers from applying for an annual marine event permit.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 20, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Commander, U.S. Coast Guard Group Charleston, 196 Tradd Street, Charleston, SC 29401, or may be delivered to operations office at the same address between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. The telephone number is (803) 724-7621. Comments will become a part of the public docket and will be available for copying and inspection at the same address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: ENS M. J. DaPonte, Coast Guard Group Charleston at (803) 724-7621.

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, addresses, identify the notice (CGD07-96-020) and the specific section of this proposal to which their comments apply, and give reasons for each comment. The Coast Guard will consider all comments received during the comment period. The regulations may be changed in view of the comments received. All comments received before the expiration of the comment period will be considered before final action is taken on this proposal.

No public hearing is planned, but one may be held if the written requests for a hearing are received, and it is determined that the opportunity to make oral presentations will add to the rulemaking process.

Discussion of Proposed Regulations

The proposed regulations are needed to provide for the safety of life during the Beaufort Water Festival. These regulations are intended to promote safe navigation on the waters of the Beaufort River between the Ladys Island swing bridge and Spanish Point by controlling the traffic entering, exiting, and traveling within these waters. Historically, the raft races, sailboat regattas, aerial demonstrations, power boat races, and a parade of ships have drawn approximately 600-1000 participants and 100-150 spectator craft to the Beaufort River each day of the event. The anticipated concentration of spectator and participant vessels associated with the Beaufort Water Festival poses a safety concern, which is addressed in these proposed special local regulations. The proposed regulations would not permit movement of spectator vessels and other nonparticipating vessel traffic within the regulated area, between the Ladys Island swing bridge (032°25'40" N, 080°40'10" W) and a line drawn directly across the Beaufort River at Spanish Point, on the 032°24'00" N parallel from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., annually on the last two weekends of July. All coordinates referenced use Datum: NAD 1983. However, the proposed regulations would permit the movement of spectator vessels and other non-participants between scheduled events and at the termination of the last scheduled event, at the discretion of the Coast Guard Patrol Commander.

Regulatory Evaluation

This proposal is not a significant regulatory action under Section 3(f) of the Executive Order 12866 and does not require an assessment of the 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 proposed rule to be so minimal that a full Regulatory Evaluation under paragraph 10e of the regulatory policies and procedures of DOT is unnecessary. The proposed regulation would last for only 11 and one-half hours each day of the event.

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).

For reasons set forth in the above Regulatory Evaluation, the Coast Guard certifies under 5 U.S.C. 605(b) that this proposal, if adopted, would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Collection of Information

These proposed regulations contain no collection of information requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

Federalism

This action has been analyzed in accordance with the principles and criteria contained in Executive Order 12612, and it has been determined that the rulemaking does not have sufficient Federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

Environmental Assessment

The Coast Guard has considered the environmental impact of this proposal consistent with Section 2.B.2. of Commandant Instruction M16475.1B. In accordance with that section, this proposed action has been environmentally assessed (EA completed), and the Coast Guard has concluded that it will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment. An environmental

assessment and a finding of no significant impact have been prepared and are available in the docket for inspection or copying where indicated under ADDRESSES.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 100

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

Proposed Regulations

In consideration of the foregoing, the Coast Guard proposes to amend 33 CFR part 100 as follows:

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

PART 100—[AMENDED]

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

2. A new section 100.715 is added to read as follows:

§ 100.715 Annual Beaufort Water Festival; Beaufort River, Beaufort, SC.

(a) *Definitions.* (1) *Regulated Area.* A regulated area is established on that portion of the Beaufort River, between the Ladys Island swing bridge at 032°25'40" N, 080°40'10" W and a line drawn directly across the Beaufort River at Spanish Point on the 032°24'00" N parallel. All coordinates referenced use Datum: NAD 1983.

(2) *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 Charleston, South Carolina.

(b) *Special local regulations.* (1) Entry into the regulated area by other than event participants is prohibited, unless otherwise authorized by the Patrol Commander.

(2) Between scheduled events during the last two weekends of July, the Patrol Commander may authorize vessels to resume normal operations

(3) After termination of the Beaufort Water Festival events on the last two weekends of July, all vessels may resume normal operation at the discretion of the Patrol Commander.

(c) *Effective Dates.* These regulations are effective annually from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, on the last two weekends of July, unless otherwise specified in the local notice to mariners.

Dated: March 25, 1996.

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Commander, Seventh Coast Guard District.
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33 CFR Part 100

[CGD 09-96-001]

Special Local Regulation; Idle Hour South Channel Challenge, St. Clair River, MI

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard proposes to establish a special local regulation for the United States waters of the St. Clair River South Channel during the Idle Hour South Channel Challenge. This event will be held on the St. Clair River South Channel, MI, from Saturday June 8, through Monday June 10, 1996, on the St. Clair River South Channel. This event will have an estimated 25 race boats racing a closed course on the St. Clair River South Channel which could pose hazards to navigation in the area. This regulation will restrict general navigation between the St. Clair Flats Canal Lighted Buoy 7 and Harsens Island Light 11. This regulation is needed to provide for the safety of life, limb, and property on navigable waters during the event.

DATE: Comments must be received on or before May 20, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be mailed to Commander (oan), Ninth Coast Guard District, 1240 East 9th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44199-2060. The comments will be available for inspection and copying at the Aids to Navigation and Waterways Management Branch, Room 2083, 1240 East 9th Street, Cleveland, Ohio. Normal office hours are between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Comments may also be hand delivered to this address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lieutenant F.J. Milbry, Ninth Coast Guard District, Recreational Boating Safety Affairs Branch, 1240 East Ninth Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44199-2060, (216) 522-3932.

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 name and address, identify this rulemaking [CGD09-96-001] and the specific section of this proposal to which each comment applies, and give a reason for each comment. Persons wanting acknowledgment of receipt of comments should enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. The Coast Guard will consider all comments