

offered additional flexibility in fee payment by allowing for monthly or quarterly installment payments of enrollment fees. Subsequent to our notice of proposed rulemaking, section 712 of the FY 1999 National Defense Authorization Act modified 10 U.S.C. 1097a to expand payment options to include monthly payment of enrollment fees via an allotment from retired or retainer pay, or monthly payment via electronic funds transfer from a financial institution.

Provisions of the Final Rule

The final rule has been modified to implement the statutory direction given in the FY 1999 National Defense Authorization Act.

III. Regulatory Procedures

Executive Order 12866 requires certain regulatory assessments for any significant regulatory action, defined as one which would result in an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more, or have other substantial impacts.

The Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA) requires that each Federal agency prepare, and make available for public comment, a regulatory flexibility analysis when the agency issues a regulation which would have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities.

This is not a significant regulatory action under the provisions of Executive Order 12866, and it would not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities.

The final rule will not impose additional information collection requirements on the public under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 55).

List of Subjects in 32 CFR Part 199

Claims, Health insurance, Individuals and disabilities, Military personnel, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Accordingly, 32 CFR Part 199 is amended as follows:

PART 199—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 199 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 301, 10 U.S.C. Chapter 55.

2. Section 199.17 is amended by revising paragraphs (o)(2) and (o)(3), redesignating paragraphs (o)(4) and (o)(5) and (o)(5) and (o)(6), and adding new paragraph (o)(4), to read as follows:

§ 199.17 TRICARE Program.

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(2) *Enrollment period.* Beneficiaries who select the TRICARE Prime option remain enrolled for 12 month increments until: they take action to disenroll; they are no longer eligible for enrollment in TRICARE Prime; or they are disenrolled for failure to pay required enrollment fees. For those who remain eligible for TRICARE Prime enrollment, no later than 15 days before the expiration date of an enrollment, the sponsor will be sent a written notification of the pending expiration and renewal of the TRICARE Prime enrollment. TRICARE Prime enrollments shall be automatically renewed upon the expiration of the enrollment unless the renewal is declined by the sponsor. Termination of enrollment for failure to pay enrollment fees is addressed in paragraph (o)(3) of this section.

(3) *Installment payments of enrollment fee.* The enrollment fee required by § 199.18(c) may be paid in monthly or quarterly installments. Monthly fees may be payable by an allotment from retired or retainer pay, or paid from a financial institution through an electronic transfer of funds. For beneficiaries paying enrollment fees on an installment basis, failure to make a required installment payment on a timely basis [including a grace period, as determined by the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs)] will result in termination of the beneficiary's enrollment in Prime and disqualification from future enrollment in Prime for a period of one year.

(4) *Voluntary disenrollment.* Any beneficiary for whom enrollment in Prime is voluntary may disenroll at any time. Disenrollment will take effect in accordance with administrative procedures established by the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs). Beneficiaries who disenroll prior to their annual enrollment renewal date will not be eligible to reenroll in Prime for a one-year period from the effective date of the disenrollment. This one year exclusion may be waived by the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) based on extraordinary circumstances.

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Dated: March 17, 1999.

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Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 100

[CGD 05-99-010]

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Special Local Regulations for Marine Events; Western Branch, Elizabeth River, Portsmouth, Virginia

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is adopting temporary special local regulations for the Crawford Bay Crew Classic to be held on the waters of the Western Branch, Elizabeth River, Portsmouth, Virginia. These regulations are needed to control vessel traffic in the immediate vicinity of this event. The effect will be to restrict general navigation in the regulated area for the safety of event participants, spectator craft, and other vessels transiting the event area. This action is intended to enhance the safety of life and property during the event.

EFFECTIVE DATES: This temporary final rule is effective from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on March 26, 1999, and from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on March 27, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chief Petty Officer Allen Walther, Marine Events Coordinator, Commander, Coast Guard Group Hampton Roads, 4000 Coast Guard Boulevard, Portsmouth, Virginia, 23703, telephone number (757) 483-8521.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulatory History

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553, a notice of proposed rulemaking was not published for this regulation and good cause exists for making it effective in less than 30 days from the date of publication. Publishing a notice of proposed rulemaking and delaying the effective date would be contrary to the public interest because immediate action is needed to protect event participants, spectator craft, and transient vessel traffic.

Background and Purpose

Port Events, Inc., will hold the "Crawford Bay Crew Classic" on the waters of the Western Branch, Elizabeth River. The event will consist of intercollegiate crew competition along a 2000-meter course. A large fleet of spectator vessels is anticipated. Because of the need for vessel control during the crew competition, vessel traffic will be temporarily restricted to provide for the safety of participants, spectators, and transiting vessels.

Discussion of Regulations

The Coast Guard is establishing temporary special local regulations on specified waters of the Western Branch, Elizabeth River. The regulations will be in effect from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on March 26, 1999, and from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on March 27, 1999, and will restrict general navigation in the regulated areas during the event. Except for persons or vessels authorized by the Coast Guard Patrol Commander, no person or vessel may enter or remain in the regulated area. These regulations are needed to control vessel traffic during the crew competition to enhance the safety of participants, spectators, and transiting vessels.

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 the 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 rule to be so minimal that a full Regulatory Evaluation under paragraph 10e of the regulatory policies and procedures of DOT is unnecessary. This conclusion is based on the facts that the regulated area will only be in effect for a limited amount of time and that the Coast Guard Patrol Commander will allow vessel transits through the regulated area during times that the race participants are not competing.

Small Entities

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601-612), the Coast Guard must consider whether this rule 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 rule to be minimal, the event not lasting long, the Coast Guard certifies under 5 U.S.C. 605(b) that this temporary final rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Collection of Information

These regulations contain no Collection-of-Information requirements

under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520).

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 considered the environmental impact of this rule and concluded that, under figure 2-1, paragraph (34)(h) of COMDTINST M16475.1C, this rule is categorically excluded from further environmental documentation. Special local regulations issued in conjunction with a regatta or marine parade are excluded under that authority.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 100

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

Temporary Regulations

In consideration of the foregoing, Part 100 of Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations, is amended as follows:

PART 100—[AMENDED]

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

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1233 through 1236; 49 CFR 1.46; 33 CFR 100.35.

2. A temporary section, § 100.35-T05-010, is added to read as follows:

§ 100.35-T05-010 Western Branch, Elizabeth River, Portsmouth, Virginia.

(a) *Definitions*—(1) *Regulated Area*. The waters of the Western Branch, Elizabeth River, bounded by a line connecting the following points:

| Latitude | Longitude |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| 36°50.3' North | 076°23.1' West, to |
| 36°50.3' North | 076°21.7' West, to |
| 36°50.2' North | 076°21.7' West, to |
| 36°50.2' North | 076°23.1' West, to |
| 36°50.3' North | 076°23.1' West |

All coordinates refer to 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 Hampton Roads.

(b) *Special Local Regulations*—(1) Except for persons or vessels authorized by the Coast Guard Patrol Commander, no person or vessel may enter or remain in the regulated area.

(2) The operator of any vessel in this area shall:

(i) Stop the vessel immediately when directed to do so by an official patrol, including any commissioned, warrant, or petty officer on board a vessel displaying a Coast Guard ensign.

(ii) Proceed as directed by any official patrol, including any commissioned, warrant, or petty officer on board a vessel displaying a Coast Guard ensign.

(c) *Effective Dates*. The regulated area is effective from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on March 26, 1999, and from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on March 27, 1999.

Dated: March 3, 1999.

Roger T. Rufe, Jr.,

Vice Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 100

[CGD 05-99-011]

Special Local Regulations for Marine Events; Approaches to Annapolis Harbor, Spa Creek, and Severn River, Annapolis, Maryland

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of implementation.

SUMMARY: This notice implements the special local regulations at 33 CFR 100.511 during the 20th Annual Seminar on Safety at Sea, a marine event to be held March 27, 1999, on Spa Creek and the Severn River at Annapolis, Maryland. These special local regulations are necessary to control vessel traffic in the vicinity of the U.S. Naval Academy because of the confined nature of the waterway and expected vessel congestion during the pyrotechnic display and helicopter-rescue demonstration. The effect will be to restrict general navigation in the regulated area for the safety of spectators, event participants, and other vessels transiting the event area.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 33 CFR 100.511 is effective from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on March 27, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chief Warrant Officer R. L. Houck, Marine Events Coordinator, Commander, Coast Guard Activities Baltimore, 2401 Hawkins Point Road, Baltimore, MD 21226-1971, (410) 576-2674..

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Naval Academy Sailing Squadron will