

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[Docket No. USCG–2021–0788]

Safety Zone; Coast Guard Exercise Area, Hood Canal, Washington

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of enforcement of regulation.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard will enforce safety zones surrounding vessels involved in Coast Guard training exercises in Hood Canal, WA, from October 25, 2021, through November 5, 2021. This action is necessary to ensure the safety of the maritime public and vessels near training exercises. During the enforcement period, entry into the safety zones is prohibited, unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Sector Puget Sound or their Designated Representative.

DATES: The regulations in 33 CFR 165.1339 will be enforced from 8 a.m. on October 25, 2021, through 5 p.m. on November 5, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about this notice of enforcement, call or email Mr. Rob Nakama, Sector Puget Sound Waterways Management Division, U.S. Coast Guard; telephone 206–217–6051, email SectorPugetSoundWWM@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Coast Guard will enforce the safety zones around vessels involved in Coast Guard training exercises in Hood Canal, WA, set forth in 33 CFR 165.1339, from 8 a.m. on October 25, 2021, through 5 p.m. on November 5, 2021. Under the provisions of 33 CFR 165.1339, no person or vessel may enter or remain within 500 yards of any vessel involved in Coast Guard training exercises while such vessel is transiting Hood Canal, WA, between Foul Weather Bluff and the entrance to Dabob Bay, unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Sector Puget Sound (COTP) or their Designated Representative. In addition, the regulation requires all vessel operators seeking to enter any of the zones during the enforcement period to first obtain permission. You may seek permission by contacting the on-scene patrol commander on VHF channel 13 or 16, or the Sector Puget Sound Joint Harbor Operations Center at 206–217–6001.

You will be able to identify participating vessels as those flying the Coast Guard Ensign. The COTP may also

be assisted in the enforcement of the zone by other federal, state, or local agencies. The COTP will issue a general permission to enter the safety zones if the training exercise is completed before 5 p.m. on November 5, 2021. In addition to this notice of enforcement in the **Federal Register**, the Coast Guard plans to provide notification of this enforcement period via a Local Notice to Mariners.

Dated: October 7, 2021.

P.M. Hilbert,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port, Puget Sound.

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[Docket Number USCG–2020–0138]

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Safety Zones; Recurring Marine Events and Fireworks Displays Within the Fifth Coast Guard District

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is amending its safety zones established for recurring marine events and fireworks displays that take place within the Fifth Coast Guard District area of responsibility. This final rule revises the listing of events that informs the public of regularly scheduled fireworks displays that require additional safety measures provided by regulations. Through this final rule, the current list of recurring marine events requiring safety zones is updated with revisions, additional events, and removal of events that no longer take place in the Fifth Coast Guard District area of responsibility.

DATES: This rule is effective without actual notice from October 15, 2021. For the purposes of enforcement, actual notice will be used from October 1, 2021, until October 15, 2021.

ADDRESSES: To view documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to <https://www.regulations.gov>, type USCG–2020–0138 in the “SEARCH” box and click “SEARCH.” Click on Open Docket Folder on the line associated with this rule.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this rule, call or email Mr. Ethan Coble, Fifth Coast

Guard District Office of Waterways Management, U.S. Coast Guard; telephone (757) 398–7745, email Ethan.J.Coble@uscg.mil or Mr. Jerry Barnes, Fifth Coast Guard District Office of Waterways Management, U.S. Coast Guard; telephone (757) 398–6230, email Jerry.R.Barnes@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Table of Abbreviations

CFR Code of Federal Regulations
 COTP Captain of the Port
 DHS Department of Homeland Security
 Event PATCOM Coast Guard Event Patrol Commander
 FR Federal Register
 NPRM Notice of proposed rulemaking
 § Section
 U.S.C. United States Code

II. Background Information and Regulatory History

The Coast Guard regularly updates the regulations for recurring safety zones within the Fifth Coast Guard District at 33 CFR 165.506, and its respective tables. These recurring safety zones are for fireworks displays that take place either on or over the navigable waters of the Fifth Coast Guard District as defined at 33 CFR 3.25. These regulations were last amended June 13, 2017 (81 FR 81005). Since then, Marine Events within the Fifth US Coast Guard District have been created or changed in a way that varies from their description in this regulation. In response, on April 30, 2021, the Coast Guard published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) titled Safety Zones; Recurring Marine Events and Fireworks Displays Within the Fifth Coast Guard District, (86 FR 22913). There we stated why we issued the NPRM, and invited comments on our proposed regulatory action related to recurring marine events and firework displays. The comment period ended on June 1, 2021, and we received no comments.

Under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for making this rule effective less than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register**. Delaying the effective date would be impracticable and contrary to the public interest. Immediate action is needed to respond to the potential safety hazards associated with the remaining 2021 boating season events. The first of the remaining events is a fireworks display scheduled to occur during the Washington Nationals major league baseball home game on October 1, 2021, hosted at Nationals Park on the Anacostia River. Hazards associated with this event include potential hazardous falling debris and possible