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### C. Collection of Information

This rule will not call for a new collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520).

### D. Federalism and Indian Tribal Governments

A rule has implications for federalism under Executive Order 13132, Federalism, if it has a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the National Government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. We have analyzed this rule under that Order and have determined that it is consistent with the fundamental federalism principles and preemption requirements described in Executive Order 13132.

Also, this rule does not have tribal implications under Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments, because it does not have a substantial direct effect on one or more Indian tribes, on the relationship between the Federal Government and Indian tribes, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities between the Federal Government and Indian tribes.

### E. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531-1538) requires Federal agencies to assess the effects of their discretionary regulatory actions. In particular, the Act addresses actions that may result in the expenditure by a State, local, or tribal government, in the aggregate, or by the private sector of \$100,000,000 (adjusted for inflation) or more in any one year. Though this rule will not result in such an expenditure, we do discuss the effects of this rule elsewhere in this preamble.

### F. Environment

We have analyzed this rule under Department of Homeland Security Directive 023-01, Rev. 1, associated implementing instructions, and Environmental Planning COMDTINST 5090.1 (series), which guide the Coast Guard in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321-4370f), and have determined that this action is one of a

category of actions that do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. This rule involves a special local regulation lasting approximately 12 hours on three separate days that will prohibit entry of persons or vessels during the Red River Rumble F1 Powerboat Showdown high-speed powerboat races. It is categorically excluded from further review under paragraph L61 of Appendix A, Table 1 of DHS Instruction Manual 023-01-001-01, Rev. 1.

### G. Protest Activities

The Coast Guard respects the First Amendment rights of protesters. Protesters are asked to call or email the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section to coordinate protest activities so that your message can be received without jeopardizing the safety or security of people, places or vessels.

### List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 100

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

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard is proposing to amend 33 CFR part 100 as follows:

### PART 100—SAFETY OF LIFE ON NAVIGABLE WATERS

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

**Authority:** 46 U.S.C. 70041; 33 CFR 1.05-1.

- 2. Add § 100.T08-0177 to read as follows:

#### § 100.T08-0177 Red River Rumble F1 Powerboat Showdown, Shreveport, LA.

(a) *Regulated area.* The regulations in this section apply to the following area: A special local regulation is established to encompass all waters of the Red River from mile marker 228.1 to mile marker 228.8.

(b) *Definitions.* As used in this section—

*Designated representative* means a Coast Guard Patrol Commander, including a Coast Guard coxswain, petty officer, or other officer operating a Coast Guard vessel and a Federal, State, and local officer designated by or assisting the Captain of the Port Lower Mississippi River (COTP) in the enforcement of the regulations in this section.

*Participant* means all persons and vessels registered with the event sponsor as a participant in the race.

*Spectator* means all persons and vessels not registered with the event

sponsor as participants or official patrol vessels.

(c) *Regulations.* (1) All non-participants are prohibited from entering, transiting through, anchoring in, or remaining within the regulated area described in paragraph (a) of this section unless authorized by the COTP or their designated representative.

(2) To seek permission to enter, contact the COTP or the COTP's representative by 314-269-2332. Those in the regulated area must comply with all lawful orders or directions given to them by the COTP or the designated representative.

(3) The COTP will provide notice of the regulated area through advanced notice via Broadcast Notice to Mariners and by on-scene designated representatives.

(d) *Enforcement periods.* This section is effective from 6 a.m. on May 24, 2024 until 6 p.m. on May 26, 2024. This section will be subject to enforcement from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day.

Dated: May 6, 2024.

**Kristi L. Bernstein,**

*Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port Sector Lower Mississippi River.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

#### 33 CFR Part 165

[Docket Number USCG-2024-0245]

RIN 1625-AA87

#### Safety Zone: Piers Park, Boston Inner Harbor, East Boston, MA

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Temporary final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary safety zone for a portion of the navigable waters of Boston Inner Harbor in the vicinity of Piers Park, East Boston, Massachusetts. The temporary safety zone is needed to protect the maritime public and event participants from potential hazards created by a swim event taking place in a heavily trafficked harbor scheduled for June 9, 2024. Entry of vessels or persons into this zone is prohibited unless specifically authorized by the Captain of the Port Sector Boston, or a designated representative.

**DATES:** This rule is effective from 7 a.m. through noon on June 9, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** To view documents mentioned in this preamble as being

available in the docket, go to <https://www.regulations.gov> type USCG-2024-0245 in the search box and click "Search." Next, in the Document Type column, select "Supporting & Related Material."

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you have questions on this rule, call or email Mr. Timothy W. Chase, Sector Boston, Waterways Management, telephone (617) 447-1620, email [Timothy.W.Chase@uscg.mil](mailto:Timothy.W.Chase@uscg.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Table of Abbreviations**

CFR Code of Federal Regulations  
COTP Captain of the Port Sector Boston  
DHS Department of Homeland Security  
FR Federal Register  
MA Massachusetts  
NPRM Notice of proposed rulemaking  
§ Section  
U.S.C. United States Code

**II. Background Information and Regulatory History**

The Coast Guard is issuing this temporary rule under authority in 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B). This statutory provision authorizes an agency to issue a rule without prior notice and opportunity to comment when the agency for good cause finds that those procedures are "impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest." The Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for not publishing a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) with respect to this rule because doing so would be impracticable and contrary to the public interest. The Coast Guard was not made aware of the swim event with sufficient time to publish a NPRM, take public comments, consider those comments, and issue a final rule by June 9, 2024, the scheduled date of the event.

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 of this rule would be impracticable and contrary to the public interest due to the potential safety hazards associated with with a swim event taking place in heavily traffic harbor.

**III. Legal Authority and Need for Rule**

The Coast Guard is issuing this rule under authority in 46 U.S.C. 70034 (previously 33 U.S.C. 1231). The Captain of the Port Sector Boston (COTP) has determined that potential hazards associated with swim events occurring in a heavily traffic harbor in the vicinity of Piers Park, Boston Inner Harbor, East Boston, Massachusetts. This rule is needed to to facilitate the

safety to the martime public and the event participants from the hazards associated with swim events until the conclusion of the event.

**IV. Discussion of the Rule**

This rule establishes a safety zone from 7 a.m. to noon on June 9, 2024. The safety zone will cover all the navigable waters of a portion of Boston Inner Harbor in the vicinity of Piers Park, East Boston, specifacly within a box bound by the following coordinates: Corner #1 42°21'41.22" N, 071°2'22.6" W, thence to Corner #2 42°21'26.53" N, 071°2'32.28" W, thence to Corner #3 42°21'2.59" N, 071°1'32.92" W, thence to Corner #4 42°21'13.14" N, 071°1'24.6" W, and returning to the point of origin. The duration of the zone is intended to protect event participants, support personnel, vessels and the marine environment in these navigable waters during the swim event. No vessel or person will be permitted to enter the safet zone without obtaining permission from the COTP or a designated representative.

Requests to enter the zone will be considered and reviewed on a case-by-case basis. The COTP may be contacted by telephone at (856) 416-3015 or can be reached by VHF-FM channel 16. Persons and vessels permitted to enter this safety zone must transit at their slowest safe speed to minimize wake and comply with all lawful directions issued by the COTP or the designated representative.

**V. Regulatory Analyses**

We developed this rule after considering numerous statutes and Executive orders related to rulemaking. Below we summarize our analyses based on a number of these statutes and Executive orders, and we discuss First Amendment rights of protestors.

**A. Regulatory Planning and Review**

Executive Orders 12866 and 13563 direct agencies to assess the costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, if regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits. This rule has not been designated a "significant regulatory action," under Executive Order 12866. Accordingly, this rule has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

This regulatory action determination is based on the size, location, duration, and time-of-year of the safety zone. Vessel traffic will be able to safely transit around this safety zone which will impact a small designated area of Boston Inner Harbor in the vicinity of

Piers Park, East Boston, MA, in support of a swim event on June 9, 2024. Additionally, this safety zone will be of limited duration, five hours, to minimize any adverse impacts to vessels who seek to transit the navigable waters. Moreover, the Coast Guard will issue a Local Notive to Mariners well in advance of the event and a Broadcast Notice to Mariners via VHF-FM marine channel 16 regarding the zone prior to commencement of the event, and the rule allows vessels to seek permission to enter the zone.

**B. Impact on Small Entities**

The Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980, 5 U.S.C. 601-612, as amended, requires Federal agencies to consider the potential impact of regulations on small entities during rulemaking. The term "small entities" comprises small businesses, not-for-profit organizations that are independently owned and operated and are not dominant in their fields, and governmental jurisdictions with populations of less than 50,000. 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.

While some owners or operators of vessels intending to transit the safety zone may be small entities, for the reasons stated in section V.A above, this rule will not have a significant economic impact on any vessel owner or operator.

Under section 213(a) of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 121), we want to assist small entities in understanding this rule. If the rule would affect your small business, organization, or governmental jurisdiction and you have questions concerning its provisions or options for compliance, please call or email the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

Small businesses may send comments on the actions of Federal employees who enforce, or otherwise determine compliance with, Federal regulations to the Small Business and Agriculture Regulatory Enforcement Ombudsman and the Regional Small Business Regulatory Fairness Boards. The Ombudsman evaluates these actions annually and rates each agency's responsiveness to small business. If you wish to comment on actions by employees of the Coast Guard, call 1-888-REG-FAIR (1-888-734-3247). The Coast Guard will not retaliate against small entities that question or complain about this rule or any policy or action of the Coast Guard.

### C. Collection of Information

This rule will not call for a new collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520).

### D. Federalism and Indian Tribal Governments

A rule has implications for federalism under Executive Order 13132, Federalism, if it has a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the National Government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. We have analyzed this rule under that Order and have determined that it is consistent with the fundamental federalism principles and preemption requirements described in Executive Order 13132.

Also, this rule does not have tribal implications under Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments, because it does not have a substantial direct effect on one or more Indian tribes, on the relationship between the Federal Government and Indian tribes, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities between the Federal Government and Indian tribes.

### E. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531–1538) requires Federal agencies to assess the effects of their discretionary regulatory actions. In particular, the Act addresses actions that may result in the expenditure by a State, local, or tribal government, in the aggregate, or by the private sector of \$100,000,000 (adjusted for inflation) or more in any one year. Though this rule will not result in such an expenditure, we do discuss the effects of this rule elsewhere in this preamble.

### F. Environment

We have analyzed this rule under Department of Homeland Security Directive 023–01, Rev. 1, associated implementing instructions, and Environmental Planning COMDTINST 5090.1 (series), which guide the Coast Guard in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321–4370f), and have determined that this action is one of a category of actions that do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. This rule involves a safety zone lasting for a period of five hours that will prohibit entry within the designated safety zone during a swim event. It is categorically excluded from further review under paragraph L60(a) of Appendix A, Table 1 of DHS

Instruction Manual 023–01–001–01, Rev. 1. A Record of Environmental Consideration supporting this determination is available in the docket. For instructions on locating the docket, see the **ADDRESSES** section of this preamble.

### G. Protest Activities

The Coast Guard respects the First Amendment rights of protesters. Protesters are asked to call or email the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section to coordinate protest activities so that your message can be received without jeopardizing the safety or security of people, places or vessels.

#### List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 165

Harbors, Marine safety, Navigation (water), reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Security measures, Waterways.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard amends 33 CFR part 165 as follows:

### PART 165—REGULATED NAVIGATION AREAS AND LIMITED ACCESS AREAS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 165 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 46 U.S.C. 70034, 70051; 70124; 33 CFR 1.05–1, 6.04–1, 6.04–6, and 160.5; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 00170.1, Revision No. 01.3.

■ 2. Add § 165.T01–0781 to read as follows:

#### § 165.T01–0947 Safety Zone; Pier Park, Boston Inner Harbor, East Boston MA.

(a) *Regulated area.* The following area is a safety zone: all navigable waters of a portion of Boston Inner Harbor in the vicinity of Pier Park, East Boston, specifically within a box bound by the following coordinates: Corner #1 42°21'41.22" N, 071°2'22.6" W, thence to Corner #2 42°21'26.53" N, 071°2'32.28" W, thence to Corner #3 42°21'2.59" N, 071°1'32.92" W, thence to Corner #4 42°21'13.14" N, 071°1'24.6" W, and returning to the point of origin.

(b) *Definitions.* As used in this section—

*Designated representative* means a Coast Guard Patrol Commander, including a Coast Guard coxswain, petty officer, or other officer operating a Coast Guard vessel and a Federal, State, and local officer designated by or assisting the Captain of the Port New York (COTP) in the enforcement of the regulations in this section.

*Participant* means all persons registered with the event sponsor as a participant in the event.

(c) *Regulations.* (1) Under the general safety zone regulations in subpart C of this part, you may not enter the safety zone described in paragraph (a) of this section unless authorized by the COTP or the COTP's designated representative.

(2) To seek permission to enter, contact the COTP or the COTP's designated via VHF–FM Marine Channel 16 or by contacting the Coast Guard Sector Boston Command Center at (857) 416–3015. Those in the safety zone must comply with all lawful orders or directions given to them by the COTP or the COTP's designated representative.

(d) *Enforcement periods.* This section will be enforced from 7 a.m. to noon on June 9, 2024.

**Kailie J. Benson,**

*Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port Sector Boston.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### 38 CFR Part 38

RIN 2900–AR88

#### Commemorative Plaques and Urns

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is amending its regulations to implement new statutory authority to furnish commemorative plaques and urns for certain veterans whose cremated remains are not interred. This action is necessary to administer the new benefits, which were authorized by the “Johnny Isakson and David P. Roe, M.D. Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020” (the Act).  
**DATES:** This rule is effective June 10, 2024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Eric Powell, Director, Memorial Products Service, National Cemetery Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420. Telephone: 202–632–8670 (this is not a toll-free number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On November 20, 2023, VA published in the **Federal Register**, at 88 FR 80649, a proposed rule revising its regulations to implement section 2207 of the Act (Pub. L. 116–315), which amended sec. 2306 of title 38, United States Code, by adding a new subsection (h), to create a new memorialization authority for the National Cemetery Administration