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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[Docket No. USCG-2012-0547]

Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Saugus River, Lynn and Revere, MA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Commander, First Coast Guard District, has issued a temporary deviation from the regulation governing the operation of the General Edwards Bridge, mile 1.7, across the Saugus River between Lynn and Revere, Massachusetts. The deviation is necessary to facilitate major bridge rehabilitation construction. This deviation allows the bridge to remain in the closed position during the rehabilitation of the electrical and mechanical components that lift the bridge spans.

DATES: This deviation is effective from September 4, 2012 through February 27, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket are part of docket USCG-2012-0547 and are available online at www.regulations.gov, inserting USCG-2012-0547 in the "Keyword" and then clicking "Search". They are also available for inspection or copying at the

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The General Edwards Bridge, across the Saugus River, mile 1.7, between Lynn and Revere, Massachusetts, has a vertical clearance in the closed position of 27 feet at mean high water and 36 feet at mean low water. The drawbridge operation regulations are listed at 33 CFR 117.618(b).

The waterway users are recreational vessels of various sizes. During the non-boating season the bridge rarely opens since the recreational vessels that transit this waterway are normally in winter storage. The bridge has opened five times since 2010 during the winter months.

The owner of the bridge, Massachusetts Department of Transportation, requested a temporary deviation from the regulations to help facilitate rehabilitation of the

electrical and mechanical components that lift the opening spans.

Under this temporary deviation the General Edwards Bridge may remain in the closed position from September 4, 2012 through February 27, 2013.

Vessels that can pass under the bridge in the closed position may do so at any time.

The Coast Guard believes that this temporary deviation meets the reasonable needs of navigation because the recreational users that normally use this bridge are recreational vessels that do not operate during the winter months when this deviation will be in effect.

In accordance with 33 CFR 117.35(e), the bridge must return to its regular operating schedule immediately at the end of the designated time period. This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.

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