DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 100 and 165

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Special Local Regulations and Safety Zones; Recurring Marine Events and Fireworks Displays and Swim Events Held in the Coast Guard Sector Northern New England Captain of the Port Zone

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is adding, deleting, and modifying the special local regulations for annual recurring marine events, safety zones for firework displays, and swim events in the Coast Guard Sector Northern New England Captain of the Port Zone. When enforced, these special local regulations and safety zones will restrict vessels from transiting regulated areas during certain annually recurring events. The special local regulations and safety zones are intended to expedite public notification and ensure the protection of the maritime public and event participants from the hazards associated with certain marine events.

DATES: This rule is effective [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: To view documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to https://www.regulations.gov, type USCG-2019-0951 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 Chief Marine Science Technician Thomas Watts, Sector Northern New England Waterways Management Division, U.S. Coast Guard; telephone 207-347-5003, e-mail Thomas.F.Watts@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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II. Background Information and Regulatory History

Swim events, fireworks displays, and marine events are held on an annual recurring basis on the navigable waters within the Coast Guard Sector Northern New England Captain of the Port (COTP) Zone. The Coast Guard has established special local regulations and safety zones for some of these annual recurring events on a case by case basis to ensure the protection of the maritime public and event participants from potential hazards. In the past, the Coast Guard has not received public comments or concerns regarding the impact to waterway traffic from regulations associated with these annually recurring events. Events were either added or deleted to the table of annual events based on their likelihood to recur in subsequent years. Additionally, minor changes to existing events such as position, date, or title, were made to ensure the accuracy of event details.

On February 26, 2020 the Coast Guard published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) titled Special Local Regulations and Safety Zones; Recurring Marine Events and
Fireworks Displays and Swim Events Held in the Coast Guard Sector Northern New England Captain of the Port Zone (85 FR 11031). There we stated why we issued the NPRM, and invited comments on our proposed regulatory action. During the comment period that ended on March 27, 2020, we received no comments.

III. Legal Authority and Need for Rule

The Coast Guard issues this rulemaking under authority in 46 U.S.C. 70034 (previously 33 U.S.C. 1231). The proposed rule updates the terminology, definitions, and tables of annual recurring events in the existing regulations for the Coast Guard Sector Northern New England COTP Zone. The tables provide the event name, sponsor, and type, as well as approximate times, dates, and locations of the events. The tables provide the event name, sponsor, and type, as well as approximate times, dates, and locations of the events. Advanced public notification of specific times, dates, regulated areas, and enforcement periods for each event will be provided through appropriate means, which may include the Local Notice to Mariners, Broadcast Notice to Mariners, and a Notice of Enforcement published in the Federal Register at least 30 days prior to the event date. If an event does not have a date and time listed in this regulation, then the precise dates and times of the enforcement period for that event will be announced through a Local Notice to Mariners and, if time permits, a Notice of Enforcement in the Federal Register.

IV. Discussion of Comments, Changes, and the Rule

As noted above, we received no comments on our NPRM published February 26, 2020. There are no changes in the regulatory text of this rule from the proposed rule in the NPRM.

The Coast Guard amends 33 CFR 100.120 “Special Local Regulations; Marine Events Held in the Coast Guard Sector Northern New England Captain of the Port Zone” by replacing language referencing “Patrol Commander” to “Designated Representative” and adding language
clarifying only event sponsors, designated participants, and official patrol vessels will be allowed to enter regulated areas. Spectators and other vessels not registered as event participants may not enter the safety zones without the permission of the COTP or the Designated Representative. Additionally, the Coast Guard amends 33 CFR 100.120 “Special Local Regulations; Marine Events Held in the Coast Guard Sector Northern New England Captain of the Port Zone” by updating the details of two events, deleting two events, and adding two events to Table 1 to § 100.120. This rule updates Table 1 to § 100.120: (1) 8.1 Eggemoggin Reach Regatta regulated area will be updated to reflect only the event start location; (2) 8.7 Multiple Sclerosis Harborfest Lobster Boat/Tugboat Races location will be corrected. The events deleted from Table 1 to § 100.120 will be: (1) 8.2 Southport Rowgatta Rowing and Paddling Boat Race and (2) 7.5 Mayor's Cup Regatta. The two events added to the table are the (1) 8.8 Eastport Pirates Festival Invasion of Lubec Lobster Boat Race and (2) 6.5 Portland's Tallship Parade of Ships Event.

The Coast Guard amends 33 CFR 165.171 “Safety Zones for fireworks displays and swim events held in Coast Guard Sector Northern New England Captain of the Port Zone” by adding language clarifying only event sponsors, designated participants, and official patrol vessels will be allowed to enter regulated areas. Spectators and other vessels not registered as event participants may not enter the safety zones without the permission of the COTP or the Designated Representative. Additionally, the Coast Guard amends 33 CFR 165.171 “Safety Zones for fireworks displays and swim events held in Coast Guard Sector Northern New England Captain of the Port Zone” by updating the details of one event and deleting 20 events from Table 1 to § 165.171. This rule updates Table 1 to § 165.171: Corrected location for 8.2 Islesboro Crossing Swim. Events removed are obsolete events which have not been held for the past three years or which the sponsor's indicate they have no intention to continue, and events
that have been determined to “not present an extra or unusual hazard on the waterway.” The
events deleted from Table 1 to § 165.171 will be: (1) 6.1 Waterfront Days Fireworks; (2) 6.2
LaKermesse Fireworks; (3) 7.1 Vinalhaven 4th of July Fireworks; (4) 7.3 The Great Race; (5)
7.4 Bangor 4th of July Fireworks; (6) Eastport 4th of July Fireworks; (7) 7.8 Ellis Short Sand
Park Trustee Fireworks; (8) 7.9 Hampton Beach 4th of July Fireworks; (9) 7.12 Main Street
Heritage Days 4th of July Fireworks; (10) 7.14 St. Albans Day Fireworks; (11) 7.17 Shelburne
Triathlons; (12) 7.18 St. George Days Fireworks; (13) 7.20 Richmond Days Fireworks; (14) 7.24
Bucksport Festival and Fireworks; (15) 7.26 Paul Coulombe Anniversary Fireworks; (16) 8.1
Westerlund's Landing Party Fireworks; (17) 8.2 York Beach Fire Department Fireworks; (18)
8.5 Paul Columbe Party Fireworks; (19) 9.2 Eastport Pirate Festival Fireworks; (20) 9.4 Eliot
Festival Day Fireworks.

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. Executive Order 13771 directs agencies to control regulatory costs
through a budgeting process. 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), and pursuant to OMB guidance it is exempt from the
requirements of Executive Order 13771.
This regulatory action determination is based on the size, location, duration, and time-of-day of each regulated area. We are not adding any new special local regulations, rather we are updating existing regulations and removing obsolete events which have not been held for the past three years or which the sponsors indicate they have no intention to continue. Dates and coordinates have been updated to more accurately reflect the event. The Coast Guard will issue a Broadcast Notice to Mariners via VHF-FM marine channel 16 about the zone, and the rule would allow 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 received no comments from the Small Business Administration on this rulemaking. 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 IV.A above, this rule would 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 (Public Law 104-121), 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 special local regulations for various one-day marine events and safety zones for fireworks displays and one day swimming events. Normally such actions are categorically excluded from further review under paragraph L60 of Appendix A, Table 1 of DHS Instruction Manual 023–01–001–01, Rev. 01. A Memorandum For Record of Environmental Consideration supporting this determination is available in the docket where indicated under ADDRESSES.

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

33 CFR Part 100

Marine safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and record-keeping requirements, Waterways.

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 parts 100 and 165 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. Revise §100.120, to read as follows:

§ 100.120 Special Local Regulations; Marine Events Held in the Coast Guard Sector

Northern New England Captain of the Port Zone.

The regulations in this section apply to the marine events listed in table 1 of this section. The regulations in this section will be enforced for the duration of each event, on or about the dates indicated. Actual notice of the exact dates and times of the effective period of the regulations with respect to each event, the geographical area, and details concerning the nature of the event and the number of participants and type(s) of vessels involved will be published in a Local Notices to Mariners and broadcast over VHF-FM radio. First Coast Guard District Local Notice
to Mariners can be found at: http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/. Although listed in the Code of Federal Regulations, sponsors of events listed in table 1 of this section are still required to submit marine event applications in accordance with 33 CFR 100.15.

(a) The following definitions apply to this section:

(1) Designated Representative. A “Designated Representative” is any Coast Guard Commissioned, Warrant or Petty Officer who has been designated by the Captain of the Port, Sector Northern New England (COTP), to act on his or her behalf. The Designated Representative may be on an official patrol vessel or may be on shore and will communicate with vessels via VHF-FM radio or loudhailer. In addition, members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary may be present to inform vessel operators of this regulation.

(2) Official patrol vessels. Official patrol vessels may consist of any Coast Guard, Coast Guard Auxiliary, state, or local law enforcement vessels assigned or approved by the COTP.

(3) Spectators. All persons and vessels not registered with the event sponsor as participants or official patrol vessels.

(b) Vessels may not transit the regulated areas without the COTP or Designated Representative approval. Vessels permitted to transit must operate at a no wake speed, in a manner which will not endanger participants or other crafts in the event.

(c) Vessel operators desiring to enter or operate within the regulated areas shall contact the COTP or the Designated Representative via VHF channel 16 or (207) 741-5465 (Coast Guard Sector Northern New England Command Center) to obtain permission to do so.

(d) Spectators or other vessels shall not anchor, block, loiter, or impede the transit of event participants or official patrol vessels in the regulated areas during the effective dates and times, unless authorized by COTP or Designated Representative.
(e) The COTP or Designated Representative may control the movement of all vessels in the regulated area. When hailed or signaled by an official patrol vessel, a vessel shall come to an immediate stop and comply with the lawful directions issued. Failure to comply with a lawful direction may result in expulsion from the area, citation for failure to comply, or both.

(f) The COTP or Designated Representative may delay or terminate any marine event in this section at any time it is deemed necessary to ensure the safety of life or property.

(g) For all power boat races listed, vessels not participating in this event, swimmers, and personal watercraft of any nature are prohibited from entering or moving within the regulated area unless authorized by the COTP or Designated Representative. Vessels within the regulated area must be at anchor within a designated spectator area or moored to a waterfront facility in a way that will not interfere with the progress of the event.

(h) For all regattas and boat parades listed, spectator vessels operating within the regulated area shall maintain a separation of at least 50 yards from the participants.

(i) For all rowing and paddling boat races listed, vessels not associated with the event shall maintain a separation of at least 50 yards from the participants.

(j) The specific calendar date upon which the listed event falls will be published through a Notice of Enforcement in the Federal Register.

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within the following points (NAD 83):
44° 13’28”N, 068° 21’59”W
44° 13’20”N, 068° 21’40”W
44° 14’05”N, 068° 20’55”W
44° 14’12”N, 068° 21’14”W

6.5 Portland's Tallship Parade of Ships Event
- Event Type: Regatta and Boat Parade
- Date: A multiday event in June/July.¹
- Time (Approximate): 8:00 am to 8:00 pm
- Location: The regulated area includes all waters of Casco Bay and the Fore River in the vicinity of Portland, Maine, within the following points (NAD 83):
  - 43° 37’44.25”N, 070°12’37.64”W
  - 43° 38’28.11”N, 070°12’37.64”W
  - 43° 39’08.52”N, 070°13’20.17”W
  - 43° 39’28.58”N, 070°13’25.24”W
  - 43° 39’07.70”N, 070°13’59.62”W
  - 43° 38’55.05”N, 070°14’41.91”W
  - 43° 39’00.94”N, 070°15’01.55”W
  - 43° 39’45.05”N, 070°15’09.11”W
  - 43° 39’38.10”N, 070°14’13.03”W
  - 43° 39’04.06”N, 070°13’29.75”W
  - 43° 37’57.21”N, 070°12’56.69”W

7.0 JULY

7.1 Burlington 3rd of July Air Show
- Event Type: Air Show
- Date: A one-day event held near July 4th.¹
- Time (Approximate): 8:30 pm to 9:00 pm
- Location: The regulated area includes all waters of Lake Champlain, Burlington, VT, within the following points (NAD 83):
  - 44° 28’51”N, 073° 14’21”W
  - 44° 28’57”N, 073° 13’41”W
  - 44° 28’05”N, 073° 13’26”W
  - 44° 27’59”N, 073° 14’03”W

7.2 Moosabec Lobster Boat Races
- Event Type: Power Boat Race
- Date: A one-day event held near July 4th.¹
- Time (Approximate): 10:00 am to 12:30 pm
- Location: The regulated area includes all waters of Jonesport, Maine, within the following points (NAD 83):
  - 44° 31’21”N, 067° 36’44”W
  - 44° 31’36”N, 067° 36’47”W
  - 44° 31’44”N, 067° 35’36”W
  - 44° 31’29”N, 067° 35’33”W

7.3 Stonington Lobster Boat
- Event Type: Power Boat Race
| **Races** | Date: A one-day event in July.  
Time (Approximate): 8:00 am to 3:30 pm  
Location: The regulated area includes all waters of Stonington, Maine, within the following points (NAD 83):  
44° 09'06"N, 068° 39'08"W  
44° 08'60"N, 068° 40'05"W  
44° 09'06"N, 068° 40'05"W  
44° 09'12"N, 068° 39'08"W |
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| **7.4 The Challenge Race** | Event Type: Rowing and Paddling Boat Race  
Date: A one-day event in July.  
Time (Approximate): 11:00 am to 3:00 pm  
Location: The regulated area includes all waters of Lake Champlain in the vicinity of Button Bay State Park within the following points (NAD 83):  
44° 12'25"N, 073° 22'32"W  
44° 12'00"N, 073° 21'42"W  
44° 12'19"N, 073° 21'25"W  
44° 13'16"N, 073° 21'36"W |
| **7.5 Friendship Lobster Boat Races** | Event Type: Power Boat Race  
Date: A one-day event in July.  
Time (Approximate): 9:30 am to 3:00 pm  
Location: The regulated area includes all waters of Friendship Harbor, Maine, within the following points (NAD 83):  
43° 57'51"N, 069° 20'46"W  
43° 58'14"N, 069° 19'53"W  
43° 58'19"N, 069° 20'01"W  
43° 58'00"N, 069° 20'46"W |
| **7.6 Harpswell Lobster Boat Races** | Event Type: Power Boat Race  
Date: A one-day event during in July.  
Time (Approximate): 9:30 am to 3:00 pm  
Location: The regulated area includes all waters of Potts Harbor, Maine, within the following points (NAD 83):  
43° 44’14”N, 070° 02’14”W  
43° 44’31”N, 070° 01’47”W  
43° 44’27”N, 070° 01’40”W  
43° 44’10”N, 070° 02’08”W |
| **8.0 AUGUST** | **8.1 Eggemoggin Reach Regatta**  
Event Type: Wooden Boat Parade  
Date: A one-day event on a Saturday between the 15th of July and the 15th of August.  
Time (Approximate): 11:00 am to 7:00 pm  
Location: The regulated area includes all waters of |
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| Eggemoggin Reach, Maine, within the following points (NAD 83): |                                                                                                                                                    | 44° 14’22”N, 068° 36’26”W  
44° 13’58”N, 068° 35’16”W  
44° 14’24”N, 068° 34’24”W  
44° 14’50”N, 068° 35’04”W  
44° 14’54”N, 068° 35’38”W  
44° 14’57”N, 068° 34’24”W |
| 8.2 Winter Harbor Lobster Boat Races         | • Event Type: Power Boat Race  
• Date: A one-day event in August.  
• Time (Approximate): 9:00 am to 3:00 pm  
• Location: The regulated area includes all waters of Winter Harbor, Maine, within the following points (NAD 83): | 44° 22’06”N, 068° 05’13”W  
44° 23’06”N, 068° 05’08”W  
44° 23’04”N, 068° 04’37”W  
44° 22’05”N, 068° 04’44”W |
| 8.3 Lake Champlain Dragon Boat Festival      | • Event Type: Rowing and Paddling Boat Race  
• Date: A multiday day event in August.  
• Time (Approximate): 7:00 am to 5:00 pm  
• Location: The regulated area includes all waters of Burlington Bay within the following points (NAD 83): | 44° 28’49”N, 073° 13’22”W  
44° 28’41”N, 073° 13’36”W  
44° 28’28”N, 073° 13’31”W  
44° 28’38”N, 073° 13’18”W |
| 8.4 Merritt Brackett Lobster Boat Races      | • Event Type: Power Boat Race  
• Date: A one-day event in August.  
• Time (Approximate): 10:00 am to 3:00 pm  
• Location: The regulated area includes all waters of Pemaquid Harbor, Maine, within the following points (NAD 83): | 43° 52’16”N, 069° 32’10”W  
43° 52’41”N, 069° 31’43”W  
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<td>8.5 Multiple Sclerosis Regatta</td>
<td>A one-day event in August.</td>
<td>10:00 am to 4:00 pm</td>
<td>The regulated area for the start of the race includes all waters of Casco Bay, Maine, in the vicinity of Peaks Island within the following points (NAD 83): 43° 40’25”N, 070° 14’21”W 43° 40’36”N, 070° 13’56”W 43° 39’58”N, 070° 13’21”W 43° 39’46”N, 070° 13’51”W</td>
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<td>8.6 Multiple Sclerosis Harbortfest Lobster Boat/Tugboat Races</td>
<td>A one-day event in August.</td>
<td>10:00 am to 3:00 pm</td>
<td>The regulated area includes all waters of Portland Harbor, Maine, in the vicinity of Maine State Pier within the following points (NAD 83): 43° 40’09”N, 070° 13’41”W 43° 40’03”N, 070° 13’31”W 43° 39’37”N, 070° 14’01”W 43° 39’42”N, 070° 14’11”W</td>
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<td>8.7 Long Island Lobster Boat Race</td>
<td>A one-day event in August.</td>
<td>10:00 am to 3:00 pm</td>
<td>The regulated area includes all waters of Casco Bay, Maine, in the vicinity of Great Ledge Cove and Dorseys Cove off the north west coast of Long Island, Maine, within the following points (NAD 83): 43° 41’59”N, 070° 08’59”W 43° 42’04”N, 070° 09’10”W 43° 41’41”N, 070° 09’38”W 43° 41’36”N, 070° 09’30”W</td>
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<td>8.8 Eastport Pirates Festival Invasion of Lubec Lobster Boat Race</td>
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<td>10:00 am to 3:00 pm</td>
<td>The regulated area includes all waters of Johnson Bay, Maine, within the following points (NAD 83): 43° 41’59”N, 070° 08’59”W 43° 42’04”N, 070° 09’10”W 43° 41’41”N, 070° 09’38”W 43° 41’36”N, 070° 09’30”W</td>
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Date subject to change. Exact date will be posted in Notice of Enforcement and Local Notice to Mariners.
PART 165--REGULATED NAVIGATION AREAS AND LIMITED ACCESS AREAS

3. The authority citation for Part 165 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 46 U.S.C. 70034, 70051; 33 CFR 1.05–1, 6.04-1, 6.04-6, and 160.5;

4. Revise §165.171, to read as follows:

§165.171 Safety Zones for fireworks displays and swim events held in Coast Guard Sector Northern New England Captain of the Port Zone.

(a) The general regulations contained in 33 CFR 165.23, as well as the regulations in this section, apply to the fireworks displays and swim events listed in table1 of this section. These regulations will be enforced for the duration of each event. Notifications will be made to the local maritime community through the Local Notice to Mariners and Broadcast Notice to Mariners well in advance of the events. If the event does not have a date listed, then exact dates and times of the enforcement period will be announced through a Notice of Enforcement in the Federal Register. Mariners should consult the Federal Register or their Local Notice to Mariners to remain apprised of schedule or event changes. First Coast Guard District Local Notice to Mariners can be found at http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/. Although listed in the Code of Federal Regulations, sponsors of events listed the Table 1 to §165.171 are still required to submit marine event applications in accordance with 33 CFR 100.15.

(b) The following definitions apply to this section:

(1) Designated Representative. A “Designated Representative” is any Coast Guard Commissioned, Warrant or Petty Officer designated by the Captain of the Port, Sector Northern New England (COTP), to act on his or her behalf. The Designated Representative may be on an official patrol vessel or may be on shore and will communicate with vessels via VHF-FM radio
or loudhailer. In addition, members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary may be present to inform
vessel operators of this regulation.

(2) Official patrol vessels. Official patrol vessels may consist of any Coast Guard, Coast Guard
Auxiliary, state, or local law enforcement vessels assigned or approved by the COTP.

(3) Spectators. All persons and vessels not registered with the event sponsor as participants or
official patrol vessels.

(c) Spectators or other vessels shall not anchor, block, loiter, or impede the transit of event
participants or official patrol vessels in the regulated areas during the effective dates and times,
or dates and times as modified through the Local Notice to Mariners, unless authorized by COTP
or Designated Representative.

(d) Vessel operators desiring to enter or operate within the regulated areas shall contact the
COTP or the Designated Representative via VHF channel 16 or (207) 741-5465 (Coast Guard
Sector Northern New England Command Center) to obtain permission to do so.

(e) Upon being hailed by a U.S. Coast Guard vessel or the Designated Representative, by siren,
radio, flashing light or other means, the operator of the vessel shall proceed as directed. Failure
to comply with a lawful direction may result in expulsion from the area, citation for failure to
comply, or both.

(f) The COTP or Designated Representative may delay or terminate any marine event in this
section at any time it is deemed necessary to ensure the safety of life or property.

(g) The regulated area for all fireworks displays listed in the table 1 of this section is that area of
navigable waters within a 200-yard radius of the launch platform or launch site for each
fireworks display, unless otherwise noted in the Table 1 to §165.171 or modified in USCG First
(h) For all swim events listed in the Table 1 to §165.171, vessels not associated with the event shall maintain a separation of at least 200 feet from the participants.

(i) The specific calendar date upon which the listed event falls will be published Notice of Enforcement in the Federal Register.

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| 6.1 | Windjammer Days Fireworks | • Event Type: Fireworks Display  
• Date: One-night event in June. \(^1\)  
• Time (Approximate): 8:00 pm to 10:30 pm  
• Location: In the vicinity of McFarland Island, Boothbay Harbor, Maine, in approximate position: 43° 50’38”N, 069° 37’57”W (NAD 83) |
| 7.0 |  | JULY |
| 7.1 | Burlington Independence Day Fireworks | • Event Type: Firework Display  
• Date: One-night event in July. \(^1\)  
• Time (Approximate): 9:00 pm to 11:00 pm  
• Location: From a barge in the vicinity of Burlington Harbor, Burlington, Vermont, in approximate position: 44° 28’31”N, 073° 13’31”W (NAD 83) |
| 7.2 | Camden 4\(^{th}\) of July Fireworks | • Event Type: Fireworks Display  
• Date: One-night event in July. \(^1\)  
• Time (Approximate): 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm  
• Location: In the vicinity of Camden Harbor, Maine, in approximate position: 44° 12’32”N, 069° 02’58”W (NAD 83) |
| 7.3 | Bar Harbor 4\(^{th}\) of July Fireworks | • Event Type: Fireworks Display  
• Date: One-night event in July. \(^1\)  
• Time (Approximate): 8:00 pm to 10:30 pm  
• Location: In the vicinity of Bar Harbor Town Pier, Bar Harbor, Maine, in approximate position: 44° 23’31”N, 068° 12’15”W (NAD 83) |
| 7.4 | Boothbay Harbor 4\(^{th}\) of July Fireworks | • Event Type: Fireworks Display  
• Date: One-night event in July. \(^1\)  
• Time (Approximate): 8:00 pm to 10:30 pm  
• Location: In the vicinity of McFarland Island, Boothbay Harbor, Maine, in approximate position: 43° 50’38”N, 069° 37’57”W (NAD 83) |
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| 7.12 | **Peaks to Portland Swim** | • Event Type: Swim Event  
• Date: A one-day event in July.  
• Time (Approximate): 5:00 am to 1:00 pm  
• Location: The regulated area includes all waters of Portland Harbor between Peaks Island and East End Beach in Portland, Maine, within the following points (NAD 83): |
| 7.13 | **Friendship Days Fireworks** | • Event Type: Fireworks Display  
• Date: A one-day event in July.  
• Time (Approximate): 8:00 pm to 10:30 pm  
• Location: In the vicinity of the Town Pier, Friendship Harbor, Maine, at position: 43° 58’23”N, 069° 20’12”W (NAD83) |
| 7.14 | **Nubble Light Swim Challenge** | • Event Type: Swim Event  
• Date: A one-day event in July.  
• Time (Approximate): 9:00 am to 12:30 pm  
• Location: The regulated area includes all waters around Cape Neddick, Maine, and within the following coordinates (NAD83): |
| 7.15 | **Castine 4th of July Fireworks** | • Event Type: Fireworks Display  
• Date: One-night event in July.  
• Time (Approximate): 9:00 pm to 10:30 pm  
• Location: In the vicinity of the town dock in the Castine Harbor, Castine, Maine, in approximate position: |
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| **8.1 North Hero Air Show** | • Event Type: Air Show  
• Date:  A one-day event in August.  
• Time (Approximate): 10:00 am to 5:00 pm  
• Location: In the vicinity of Shore Acres Dock, North Hero, Vermont, in approximate position (NAD83):  
  44° 48’24”N, 073° 17’02”W  
  44° 48’22”N, 073° 16’46”W  
  44° 47’53”N, 073° 16’54”W  
  44° 47’54”N, 073° 17’09”W |   |
| **8.2 Islesboro Crossing Swim** | • Event Type: Swim Event  
• Date:  A one-day event in August.  
• Time: (Approximate): 6:00 am to 11:00 am  
• Location: The regulated area includes all waters of West Penobscot Bay from Ducktrap Beach, Lincolnville, ME, to Grindel Point, Islesboro, ME, within the following points (NAD83):  
  44° 17’44”N, 069° 00’11”W  
  44° 16’58”N, 068° 56’35”W  
  44° 17’31”N, 068° 56’40”W |   |
| **8.3 Casco Bay Island Swim/Run** | • Event Type: Swim/Run Event  
• Date:  A one-day event in August.  
• Time (Approximate): 7:30 am to 1:00 pm  
• Location: All waters of Casco Bay, Maine, in the vicinity of Casco Bay Island archipelago and within the following coordinates (NAD 83):  
  43° 42’47”N, 070° 07’07”W  
  43° 38’09”N, 070° 11’57”W  
  43° 34’57”N, 070° 12’55”W  
  43° 41’31”N, 070° 11’37”W  
  43° 43’25”N, 070° 08’25”W |   |
| **8.4 Port Mile Swim** | • Event Type: Swim Event  
• Date:  A one-day event August.  
• Time (Approximate): 7:00 am to 9:00 am  
• Location: All waters of Casco Bay, Maine, in the vicinity of East End Beach within the following points (NAD 83):  
  43° 40’09”N, 070° 14’27”W  
  43° 40’05”N, 070° 14’01”W  
  43° 40’21”N, 070° 14’09”W |   |
| **8.5 Ironman 70.3 Maine** | • Event Type: Swim Event  
• Date:  A one-day event August.  
• Time (Approximate): 6:00 am to 08:30 am  
• Location: All waters of Saco Bay, Maine, in the   |   |
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Dated: April 27, 2020

B. J. LeFebvre  
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard  
Captain of the Port  
Sector Northern New England  
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