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open on signal if at least six-hours notice is given by calling the number posted at the bridge.

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EFFECTIVE DATE NOTE: By CGD01-03-115, 69 FR 31008, June 2, 2004, §117.211 was amended by revising paragraphs (a)(3), (b) introductory text, and (b)(1), effective July 2, 2004. For the convenience of the user the revised text follows:

§ 117.211 Mystic River.

(a) * * *

(3) Commercial vessels shall be passed immediately at any time; however, the opening may be delayed up to eight minutes to allow trains, which have entered the drawbridge block and are scheduled to cross the bridge without stopping, to clear the block.

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(b) The draw of the U.S. 1 Bridge, mile 2.8, at Mystic, shall open on signal except:

(1) From May 1 through October 31, from 7:40 a.m. to 6:40 p.m., the draw need only open hourly at twenty minutes before the hour.

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§ 117.213 New Haven Harbor, Quinnipiac and Mill Rivers.

The draws of the Tomlinson bridge, mile 0.0, the Ferry Street bridge, mile 0.7, and the Grand Avenue bridge, mile 1.3, across Quinnipiac River, and the Chapel Street bridge, mile 0.4 across Mill River, shall operate as follows:

(a) The draws shall open on signal; except as follows:

(1) From 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., noon to 12:15 p.m., 12:45 p.m. to 1 p.m., and 4:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m., the draws need not be opened.

(2) From 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. from October 1 through April 30, the draw of the Ferry Street bridge, Quinnipiac River, shall open on signal, unless the drawtender is at the Grand Avenue or Chapel Street bridges. In this event, a delay of up to one hour may be expected.

(3) From 11 p.m. to 7 a.m., the draw of the Grand Avenue bridge, Quinnipiac River, shall open on signal if at least one hour notice is given to the drawtender at the Ferry Street bridge. In the event that the drawtender is at

the Chapel Street bridge, a delay of up to an additional hour may be expected.

(4) From 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., the draw of the Chapel Street bridge, Mill River, shall open on signal if at least one hour notice is given to the drawtender at Ferry Street bridge. In the event that the drawtender is at the Grand Avenue bridge, a delay of up to an additional hour may be expected.

(b) Public vessels of the United States, state or local vessels used for public safety, commercial vessels and vessels in distress, shall notify the operator of the Tomlinson and the Ferry Street bridges and shall be passed through each of the bridges listed in this section as soon as possible at any-time.

(c) The sound signals for requesting the opening of each bridge are as follows:

(1) The Tomlinson bridge, two short blasts of a whistle or horn.

(2) The Ferry Street bridge, one short blast of a whistle or horn.

(3) The Grand Avenue bridge, one prolonged blast of a whistle or horn.

(4) The Chapel Street bridge, three short blasts of a whistle or horn.

(d) The drawtender shall acknowledge sound signals in the following manner:

(1) When the draw can be opened immediately, the same signal as the requesting signal.

(2) When the draw cannot be opened immediately, or is open and must close, the drawtender shall sound four short blasts of a whistle or horn, to be repeated until acknowledged by the vessel by the same signal.

(3) When the draw can be reopened, the drawtender shall sound the opening signal and open the draw if any vessels are waiting to pass.

(e) The following visual signal may be used in addition to sound signals for requesting the opening of each bridge when sound signals may not be heard. A white flag by day or a white light by night shall be swung in full circle at arm's length in full sight of the bridge and facing the draw.

(f) The drawtender shall acknowledge visual signals in the following manner:

(1) When the draw can be opened immediately, a white flag by day or a green light by night swung up and

down vertically a number of times in full sight of the vessel.

(2) When the draw cannot be opened immediately, or is open and must close, a red flag by day or a red light by night, swung back and forth horizontally in full sight of the vessel, to be repeated until acknowledged by the vessel by the same signal.

[CGD 82-025, 49 FR 43459, Oct. 29, 1984, as amended by CGD3 85-42, 50 FR 26711, June 28, 1985]

§ 117.215 Niantic River.

(a) The draw of the Amtrak bridge, mile 0.0 at Niantic, shall open on signal; except that, from April 1 through October 31 from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. and from November 1 through March 31 from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., the draw shall open on signal if at least one hour notice is given. When a train scheduled to cross the bridge without stopping has entered the drawbridge block, a delay in opening the draw may occur until the train has cleared the block.

(b) The draw of the S156 Bridge, mile 0.1, at Niantic, shall open on signal; except that, from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m., and 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays, the draw shall open only for the passage of commercial vessels. From December 1 through March 31, from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m., the draw shall open on signal if at least six hours notice is given by calling the number posted at the bridge.

[CGD 82-025, 49 FR 17452, Apr. 24, 1984; 49 FR 37381, Sept. 24, 1984; CGD01-99-087, 64 FR 61519, Nov. 12, 1999]

§ 117.217 Norwalk River.

(a) The draw of the Washington Street S136 bridge, mile 0.0 at Norwalk, shall open on signal; except that, from 7 a.m. to 8:45 a.m., 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday except holidays, the draw need not be opened for the passage of vessels that draw less than 14 feet of water. The opening signal is three short blasts. Vessels drawing 14 feet of water or more shall add one prolonged blast after the three short blasts.

(b) The draw of the Metro-North "WALK" bridge, mile 0.1 at Norwalk, shall open on signal as follows:

(1) From 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., except that, from Monday through Friday excluding holidays, the draw need not be opened from 7 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., unless an emergency exists.

(2) Only once in any 60-minute period from 5:45 a.m. to 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

(3) From 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., if at least four hours notice is given.

(4) A delay of up to 20 minutes may be expected if a train is approaching so closely that it may not be safely stopped.

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§ 117.219 Pequonnock River.

(a) Public vessels of the United States and vessels in distress shall be passed through the draw of each bridge as soon as possible.

(b) The Stratford Avenue Bridge, mile 0.1, at Bridgeport, shall open on signal; except that, from 6:45 a.m. to 7:15 a.m., 7:45 a.m. to 8:15 a.m., 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., and 4:30 p.m. to 6:10 p.m., the draw need not open for the passage of vessels. From December 1 through March 31, from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m., the draw shall open on signal if at least six-hours notice is given by calling the number posted at the bridge.

(c) The draw of the Metro-North "PECK" bridge, mile 0.3 at Bridgeport, shall open on the signal of three blasts as follows:

(1) From 5:45 a.m. to 9 p.m. except:

(i) From Monday through Friday, excluding holidays or emergencies, the draw need not be opened from 6:45 a.m. to 7:15 a.m., 7:45 a.m. to 8:15 a.m., and 4:30 p.m. to 6:10 p.m.

(ii) From Monday through Friday, excluding holidays or emergencies, the draws need not be opened more than once during the periods 5:45 a.m. to 6:45 a.m., 7:15 a.m. to 7:45 a.m., 8:15 a.m. to 9 a.m., and 6:10 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

(2) From 9 p.m. to 5:45 a.m., the draws shall open on signal if at least eight hours notice is given.

(3) The draw need not open on signal if a train is approaching so closely that it may not be safely stopped; however, the delay in opening the draw shall not exceed 7 minutes from time of the request.