

used for public safety, vessels in an emergency, and commercial vessels; except, when a train scheduled to cross the bridge without stopping has passed the Midway, Groton, or New London stations and is in motion toward the bridge, the draw shall not be opened for the passage of any vessel until the train has crossed the bridge; and

(b) As soon as practicable for all other vessels but no later than 20 minutes after the signal to open is given.

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§ 117.225 Yellow Mill Channel.

The draw of the Stratford Avenue bridge, mile 0.3 at Bridgeport, shall open on signal if at least 24 hours notice is given. Public vessels of the United States and vessels in distress shall be passed as soon as possible.

DELAWARE

§ 117.231 Brandywine Creek.

The draw of the Conrail bridge, mile 1.1, the Church Street bridge, mile 1.3, and the Sixteenth Street bridge, mile 1.7, all at Wilmington, need not be opened for the passage of vessels.

[CGD 82-025, 49 FR 17452, Apr. 24, 1984, as amended by CGD3 85-42, 50 FR 26712, June 28, 1985]

§ 117.233 Broad Creek.

The draws of the Conrail bridge, mile 8.0, the Poplar Street bridge, mile 8.2, and the US13A bridge, mile 8.2, all at Laurel, shall open on signal if at least four hours notice is given.

§ 117.235 Chesapeake and Delaware Canal.

The draw of the Conrail bridge, mile 7.7, shall open on signal. The following light signals, located in the center of the drawspan on both sides of the bridge, shall be used:

(a) When the draw is to be opened immediately, one fixed amber light.

(b) When the draw is not ready to be opened, one flashing red light.

§ 117.237 Christina River.

(a) The owners of the bridges on this waterway:

(1) Shall provide and keep in good legible condition two board gages

painted white with black figures not less than six inches high to indicate the vertical clearance under the closed draw at all stages of the tide. The gages shall be so placed on the bridges that they are plainly visible to the operator of each vessel approaching the bridge either up or downstream.

(2) Shall open on signal except that the draw of a railroad bridge need not be opened when a train is in the bridge block, approaching the bridge, or within 5 minutes of the passage of a passenger train; but in no event shall the opening of the draw be delayed more than 10 minutes.

(b) The draw of the Third Street Bridge, mile 2.3 and Walnut Street bridge, mile 2.8, both at Wilmington shall open on signal. The draw of the Market Street Bridge, mile 3.0 at Wilmington shall open on signal if at least eight hours notice is given. From 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday except holidays, the draws of these three bridges need not be opened for the passage of vessels. Any vessel which has passed through one or more of these bridges immediately prior to a closed period and which requires passage through the other bridge or bridges in order to continue to its destination shall be passed through the draw or draws of the bridge or bridges without delay. The draws of these bridges shall open at all times as soon as possible for passage of a public vessel of the United States.

(c) The draws of the Conrail bridges, at miles 4.1 and 4.2, both at Wilmington, shall open on signal from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. if at least 24 hours notice is given. From 8 p.m. to 6 a.m., the draws need not be opened for the passage of vessels.

(d) The draw of the SH141 bridge, mile 7.5 at Wilmington, shall open on signal if at least 24 hours notice is given.

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§ 117.239 Lewes and Rehoboth Canal.

The draws of the Delaware highway bridges, mile 2.0 and 7.0, both at Rehoboth, shall open on signal from May 1 through October 31 from 7 a.m. to 8

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p.m. and from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. if at least two hours notice is given. From November 1 through April 30, the draws shall open on signal if at least 24 hours notice is given.

§ 117.241 Mispillion River.

The draws of the S14 bridge, mile 11.0 at Milford, shall open on signal if at least two hours notice is given.

§ 117.243 Nanticoke River.

The draw of the Norfolk Southern Railway Bridge across the Nanticoke River, at mile 39.4, at Seaford, Delaware will operate as follows:

(a) From March 15 through November 15 the draw will open on signal for all vessels except that, from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. at least 2½ hours notice will be required.

(b) At all times from November 16 through March 14 the draw will open on signal if at least 2½ hours notice is given.

(c) When notice is required, the owner operator of the vessel must provide the bridge tender with an estimated time of passage by calling 717-541-2151/2140.

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§ 117.245 Smyrna River.

The draw of the Delaware highway bridge, mile 4.0 at Flemings Landing, shall open on signal if at least 24 hours notice is given.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

§ 117.253 Anacostia River.

(a) The draw of the Frederick Douglass Memorial (South Capitol Street) bridge, mile 1.2, shall open on signal if at least 24 hours notice is given. The draw is closed to the passage of vessels on each Presidential Inauguration Day and may occasionally be closed without advance notice to permit uninterrupted transit of dignitaries across the bridge.

(b) CONRAIL bridge, mile 3.4.

(1) The draw of the shall open on signal:

(i) At all times for public vessels of the United States, state and local government vessels, commercial vessels, and any vessels in an emergency involving danger to life or property.

(ii) Between 9 a.m. and 12 noon and between 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. from May 15 through September 30.

(iii) Between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. from May 15 through September 30 if notice is given to the bridgetender not later than 6 p.m. on the day for which the opening is requested.

(iv) At all other times, if at least eight hours notice is given.

(2) The owners of the bridge shall provide and keep in good legible condition two board gages painted white with black figures not less than six inches high to indicate the vertical clearance under the closed draw at all stages of tide. The gages shall be placed on the bridge so that they are plainly visible to the operator of any vessel approaching the bridge from either upstream or downstream.

(3) The owners of the bridge shall provide and keep in good legible condition signs providing a 24-hour emergency telephone number which may be called to arrange for bridge openings. The signs shall be painted in contrasting colors with letters and numbers not less than six inches high. The signs shall be placed on the bridge so that they are plainly visible to the operator of any vessel approaching the bridge from either upstream or downstream.

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§ 117.255 Potomac River.

(a) The draw of the Woodrow Wilson Memorial (I-95) bridge, mile 103.8, between Alexandria, Virginia, and Oxon Hill, Maryland—

(1) Shall open on signal at any time only for a vessel in distress, notwithstanding the provisions of § 117.31.

(2) Shall open for the passage of a commercial vessel at any time except:

(i) Monday through Friday (except Federal holidays), 5 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

(ii) Saturday, Sunday, and Federal holidays, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

(3) Need not open for the passage of a commercial vessel under paragraph (a)(2) of this section unless—

(i) The owner or operator of the vessel provides the bridge tender with an