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type acceptable to the Coast Guard shall be installed on both sides of each bridge.

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[CGD02 86-02, 51 FR 32320, Sept. 11, 1986; 51 FR 41894, Nov. 19, 1986]

§ 117.943 Cumberland River.

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The draw of the Clarksville Railroad bridge over the Cumberland River, mile 126.5, at Clarksville, shall open on signal when the vertical clearance under the navigational span is 47 feet or less. The draw shall open on signal if at least two hours notice is given when the vertical clearance is greater than 47 feet. The draw need not be opened for a vessel that arrives at the bridge more than 30 minutes after the time specified in the notice, unless a second two hours notice has been given.

§ 117.951 Arroyo Colorado River.

The draw of the S106 highway bridge, mile 22.5 at Rio Hondo, shall open on signal if at least 12 hours notice is given.

[CGD02 86-01, 51 FR 32319, Sept. 11, 1986, as amended by USCG-1998-3799, 63 FR 35527, June 30, 1998]

§ 117.953 Brazos River (Diversion Channel).

§ 117.945 Hatchie River.

The draws of the Illinois Central Gulf railroad bridge, mile 35.0 at Covington, and the Seaboard System Railroad bridge, mile 71.0 at Brownsville, need not be opened for the passage of vessels.

(a) The draw of the S36 highway bridge, mile 4.4 at Freeport, shall open on signal if at least 12 hours notice is given.

(b) The draw of the Union Pacific railroad bridge, mile 22.6 at Brazoria, need not be opened for the passage of vessels.

§ 117.947 Obion River.

The draws of all bridges on the Obion River need not be opened for the passage of vessels.

§ 117.955 Buffalo Bayou.

(a) The draw of the Houston Belt and Terminal railroad bridge, mile 1.2 at Houston, and all drawbridges downstream of it, shall open on signal if at least 24 hours notice is given.

(b) The draws of the Union Pacific railroad bridge, mile 3.1, and the Houston Belt and Terminal railroad bridge, mile 4.3, need not be opened for the passage of vessels.

§ 117.949 Tennessee River.

The draws of the Chief John Ross Bridge over the Tennessee River, mile 464.1, at Chattanooga, and the Southern Railway Bridge over the Tennessee River, mile 470.7, at Hixon, Tennessee, shall open on signal when the vertical clearance beneath the draw is 50 feet or less. When the vertical clearance beneath the draw is more than 50 feet, at least eight hours notice is required. When the operator of a vessel returning through the draw within four hours informs the drawtender of the probable time of return, the drawtender shall return one half hour before the time specified and promptly open the draw on signal for the vessel without further notice. If the vessel giving notice fails to arrive within one hour after the arrival time specified, whether upbound or downbound, a second eight hours notice is required. Clearance gages of a

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§ 117.957 Cedar Bayou.

The draw of the Union Pacific railroad automated bridge, mile 7.0 at Baytown, operates as follows:

(a) The draw shall be maintained at a vertical clearance of 81.4 feet above mean high water. Fixed green navigation lights shall be displayed in the center of the draw.

(b) When a train approaches the bridge, the navigation lights shall be changed from green to red, alternating flashing red lights turned on, and a horn sounded for six minutes. At the end of six minutes, the draw may be lowered and locked if the scanning equipment does not detect any object under the span. If the scanning equipment detects an obstruction, the draw

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shall be raised until the obstruction is cleared.

(c) After a train has cleared the bridge, the draw shall be raised to 81.4 feet above mean high water, the flashing red lights stopped, and the navigation lights changed from red to green.

§ 117.959 Chocolate Bayou.

The draw of the Union Pacific railroad bridge, mile 11.4 at Liverpool, need not be opened for the passage of vessels.

§ 117.963 Colorado River.

The draw of the highway bridge, mile 10.7 at Wadsworth need open on signal Monday through Friday only, and then only from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. At least 48 hours notice is required.

[CGD8-90-22, 56 FR 488, Jan. 7, 1991]

§ 117.965 Cow Bayou.

The draws of the Orange County highway bridge, mile 2.9 at West Orange, and the S87 bridge, mile 4.5 at Bay City, shall open on signal if at least six hours notice is given.

§ 117.967 Greens Bayou.

The draw of the Port Terminal Railroad Association railroad bridge, mile 2.8 at Houston, shall open on signal if at least four hours notice is given. The draw shall open on signal for three hours thereafter for returning downbound vessels.

§ 117.968 Gulf Intracoastal Waterway.

The draw of the Port Isabel bridge, mile 666.0, shall open on signal; except that, from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekdays only, excluding holidays, the draw need open only on the hour for pleasure craft. The draw shall open on signal at any time for commercial vessels, for a vessel in distress, or for an emergency aboard a vessel. When the draw is open for a commercial vessel, waiting pleasure craft shall be passed.

[CGD8-90-10, 56 FR 14644, Apr. 11, 1991]

§ 117.969 Lavaca River.

The draws of the Union Pacific railroad bridge, mile 11.2, and the highway bridge, mile 11.2, both at Vanderbilt, shall open on signal if at least 48 hours

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notice is given. In emergencies, the draws shall open as soon as possible.

§ 117.971 Neches River.

(a) The draw of the Kansas City Southern automated bridge, mile 19.5, at Beaumont, is not constantly manned and is operated from a remote site in Shreveport, Louisiana. The bridge is normally maintained in the closed to navigation position, providing 13 feet of vertical clearance above mean high tide. This bridge will open on signal.

(1) Mariners may request a bridge opening at anytime via one of the following methods:

- (i) Telephone at 1-877-829-6295;
- (ii) Marine radio on VHF-FM Channel 16; or
- (iii) Proper sound signal as prescribed in § 117.15.

(2) When signaling by sound, if return sound signal is not sent from the remote bridge operator, in compliance with § 117.15, contact the remote operator via telephone or marine radio.

(3) An audible warning siren will sound when the bridge is in motion. Video cameras will constantly monitor the waterway near and under the draw. Once a vessel has passed through the bridge, the draw will lower, provided the infrared "under bridge" presence detector and video cameras reveal nothing under the draw.

(b) The draw of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad bridge, mile 53.9 at Evadale, need not be opened for the passage of vessels.

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§ 117.975 Old Brazos River.

The draw of the Union Pacific railroad bridge, mile 4.4 at Freeport, shall be maintained in the fully open position, except for the crossing of trains or for maintenance.

§ 117.977 Pelican Island Causeway, Galveston Channel.

The draw of the Pelican Island Causeway bridge across Galveston Channel, mile 4.5 of the Galveston Channel, (GIWW mile 356.1) at Galveston, Texas, shall open on signal; except that, from 6:40 a.m. to 8:10 a.m., 12 noon to 1 p.m.,