

Coast Guard, DHS

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nor the City of Seattle will be responsible for any damage to vessels or other property which may be chargeable to mistakes in the operation of the signal lights or to their failure to operate.

NOTE: The Corps of Engineers also has regulations dealing with this section in 33 CFR Part 207.

§ 162.240 Tongass Narrows, Alaska; navigation.

(a) *Definitions.* The term “Tongass Narrows” includes the body of water lying between Revillagigedo Channel and Guard Island in Clarence Strait.

(b) No vessel, except for public law enforcement and emergency response vessels, floatplanes during landings and take-offs, and vessels of 23 feet registered length or less, shall exceed a speed of 7 knots in the region of Tongass Narrows bounded to the north by Tongass Narrows Buoy 9 and to the south by Tongass Narrows East Channel Regulatory marker at position 55°19’22.0” N, 131°36’40.5” W and Tongass Narrows West Channel Regulatory marker at position 55°19’28.5” N, 131°39’09.7” W, respectively.

(c) No vessel shall while moored or at anchor, or by slow passage or otherwise while underway, unreasonably obstruct the free passage and progress of other vessels.

(d) No vessel shall moor or anchor to any structure of the United States other than mooring piers, wharves, and floats without the consent of the Commanding Officer, Marine Safety Office, Juneau, Alaska.

[CGD 75-082, 42 FR 51759, Sept. 29, 1977, as amended by CGD 77-217, 43 FR 60458, Dec. 28, 1978; CGD 82-039, 47 FR 27266, June 24, 1982; USCG-1998-3799, 63 FR 35532, June 30, 1998; CGD17-99-002, 64 FR 29557, June 2, 1999, 64 FR 32103, June 15, 1999; CGD 17-99-002, 65 FR 18245, Apr. 7, 2000]

§ 162.245 Kenai River, Kenai, Alaska; use, administration, and navigation.

(a) *The area.* The main channel area of the river, having a width of 150 feet, beginning at a point directly offshore from the centerline of the city dock and extending about 2,200 feet upstream to a point 200 feet upstream from the Inlet Co. dock.

(b) *The regulations.* (1) Vessels may navigate, anchor, or moor within the area until such time as notification is

received or observation is made of intended passage to or from the docking areas.

(2) Notice of anticipated passage of towboats and barges shall be indicated 24 hours in advance by display of a red flag by the Inlet Co. from its warehouse.

§ 162.250 Port Alexander, Alaska; speed of vessels.

(a) *Definition.* The term “Port Alexander” includes the entire inlet from its head to its entrance from Chatham Strait.

(b) *Speed.* The speed of all vessels of 5 tons or more gross, ships register, shall not exceed 3 miles per hour either in entering, leaving, or navigating within Port Alexander, Alaska.

[CGD 75-082, 42 FR 51759, Sept. 29, 1977, as amended by CGD 82-039, 47 FR 27266, June 24, 1982]

§ 162.255 Wrangell Narrows, Alaska; use, administration, and navigation.

(a) *Definitions.* (1) The term “Wrangell Narrows” includes the entire body of water between Wrangell Narrows North Entrance Lighted Bell Buoy 63 and Midway Rock Light.

(2) The term “raft section” refers to a standard raft of logs or piling securely fastened together for long towing in Alaska inland waters in the manner customary with the local logging interests, i.e., with booms, swifters, and tail sticks. It normally contains 30,000 to 70,000 feet board measure of logs or piling and has a width of 45 to 60 feet and a length of 75 to 100 feet.

(b) *Speed restrictions.* No vessel shall exceed a speed of seven (7) knots in the vicinity of Petersburg, between Wrangell Narrows Channel Light 58 and Wrangell Narrows Lighted Buoy 60.

(c) *Tow channel.* The following route shall be taken by all tows passing through Wrangell Narrows when the towboat has a draft of 9 feet or less (northbound, read down; southbound, read up):

- East of Battery Islets:
 - East of Tow Channel Buoy 1 TC.
 - East of Tow Channel Buoy 3 TC.
 - West of Tow Channel Buoy 4 TC.
- East of Colorado Reef:
 - East of Wrangell Narrows Channel Light 21.