

Coast Guard, DHS

§ 117.123

ALABAMA

§ 117.101 Alabama River.

(a) The Alabama & Gulf Coast Railway Drawbridge, mile 105.3, at Coy, shall open on signal if at least 24 hours notice is given.

(b) The draw of the Canadian National/Illinois Central railroad bridge, mile 277 near Montgomery, shall open on signal if at least 24 hours notice is given.

(c) The draw of the CSX Transportation Railroad bridge, mile 293.3 near Montgomery, shall open on signal if at least 24 hours notice is given.

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§ 117.103 Bayou La Batre.

The draw of SR 188 Bridge, mile 2.3, at Bayou La Batre, will open on signal every hour on the hour daily between 4 a.m. and 8 p.m., Monday through Sunday. The bridge need not open for the passage of vessels on the hours of 7 a.m., 3 p.m., and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Monday through Friday the draw will open on signal for the passage of vessels at 3:30 p.m. The bridge will remain closed to marine traffic from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. daily except for emergencies.

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§ 117.105 Bayou Sara.

The draw of the CSX Transportation Railroad bridge, mile 0.1 near Saraland, shall open on signal; except that, from 6 p.m. to 10 a.m. the draw shall open on signal if at least eight hours notice is given. During periods of severe storms or hurricanes, from the time the National Weather Service sounds an "alert" for the area until the "all clear" is sounded, the draw shall open on signal.

[CGD8-85-12, 50 FR 41685, Oct. 15, 1985]

§ 117.107 Chattahoochee River.

The draws of the CSX Transportation Railroad bridge, mile 117.1 near Omaha, GA, shall open on signal if at least six hours notice is given.

§ 117.109 Coosa River.

The draw of the CSX Transportation Railroad bridge, mile 175.0 at Gadsden, shall open on signal if at least six hours notice is given.

§ 117.113 Tensaw River.

The draw of the CSX Transportation Railroad bridge, mile 15.0 at Hurricane, shall open on signal; except that, from 5 p.m. to 9 a.m., the draw shall open on signal if at least eight hours notice is given. During periods of severe storms or hurricanes, from the time the National Weather Service sounds an "alert" for the area until the "all clear" is sounded, the draw shall open on signal.

[CGD8-85-09, 50 FR 37356, Sept. 13, 1985]

§ 117.115 Three Mile Creek.

(a) The draw of the US43 bridge, mile 1.0 at Mobile, need not be opened from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. daily. At all other times, the draw shall open on signal if at least 12 hours notice is given.

(b) The draw of the Norfolk Southern railroad bridge, mile 1.1 at Mobile, shall open on signal if at least five days notice is given.

ARKANSAS

§ 117.121 Arkansas River

The draw of the Missouri Pacific Railroad bridge, mile 23.1 near Yancopin, shall open on signal if at least 96 hours notice is given.

§ 117.123 Arkansas Waterway-Automated Railroad Bridges.

(a) Across the Arkansas River, the draw of the Cotton Belt Railroad (Rob Roy) Bridge, Mile 67.4, is maintained in the closed position and is remotely operated. The following signals shall be used:

(1) The opening signal from the vessel for each of these bridges is three short blasts.

(2) The acknowledging signal is flashing white lights visible upstream and downstream. When the operator of the vessel sights the acknowledging signal, one prolonged blast shall be sounded.

(3) This signal is acknowledged by the bridge controller when the draw is

to open by changing the flashing white lights to continuous white lights, and sounding one blast on a horn. When the span is fully raised to a maximum clearance of 52 feet, the navigation lights at mid channel change from red to green, indicating that the draw is ready for passage.

(4) If the draw cannot open, flashing amber warning lights are flashed and four blasts are sounded, indicating that a train is approaching or that maintenance work is in progress.

(5) The vessel shall acknowledge that there is a delay by sounding four short blasts.

(6) When the draw opens (after the train crosses or when maintenance work permits), the amber lights are turned off, the continuous white lights turned on, and one blast sounded, to indicate the draw is ready for passage.

(7) The vessel acknowledges with one blast and, after the draw is fully open, may proceed through the draw.

(8) When the vessel clears the draw, the mid channel navigation light changes from green to red, the amber warning lights will flash, and, after one minute, the draw lowers and locks.

(b) The draws of the Junction Railroad Bridge at mile 118.7 and the Baring Cross Railroad Bridge at mile 119.6, Arkansas River, at Little Rock, are maintained in the closed position and are remotely operated. The draw of the Rock Island Railroad Bridge at mile 118.2, Arkansas River, at Little Rock, is maintained in the open position. Use the following procedures to request opening of these bridges when necessary for transit;

(1) Normal Flow Procedures. Any upbound or downbound vessel which requires opening the draw of any of these bridges shall establish contact by radiotelephone with the remote drawbridge operator on VHF-FM Channel 13 in North Little Rock, Arkansas. The remote drawbridge operator will advise the vessel whether the requested span can be immediately opened and maintain constant contact with the vessel until the requested span has opened and the vessel passage has been completed. If any or all of the drawbridges cannot be opened immediately, the remote drawbridge operator will notify the calling vessel and provide an esti-

mated time for individual drawbridge openings.

(2) High Velocity Flow Procedures. The area from mile 118.2 to mile 125.4 is a regulated navigation area (RNA) as described in 33 CFR 165.817. During periods of high velocity flow, which is defined as a flow rate of 70,000 cubic feet per second or greater at the Murray Lock and Dam, mile 125.4, downbound vessels which require that the draw of these three bridges be opened for unimpeded passage shall contact the remote drawbridge operator on VHF-FM Channel 13 either before departing Murray Lock and Dam, or before departing the mooring cells at Mile 121.5 to ensure that the Rock Island, Junction, and Baring Cross Railroad drawbridges are opened. The remote drawbridge operator shall immediately respond to the vessel's call, ensure that all three drawbridges are open for passage, and ensure that they remain in the open position until the downbound vessel has passed through each drawbridge. If a closed drawbridge cannot be opened immediately for unimpeded passage in accordance with 33 CFR 163.203, the remote drawbridge operator will immediately notify the downbound vessel and provide an estimated time for drawbridge openings. Upbound vessels shall request openings in accordance with the normal flow procedures as set forth above. The remote drawbridge operator shall keep all approaching vessels informed of the position of the drawbridge spans.

(c) The draw of the Arkansas Missouri Railroad Bridge, Mile 300.8 Arkansas River at Van Buren, and the Missouri Pacific Railroad Drawbridge, Mile 7.5 Arkansas Waterway at Benzal, are maintained in the open position with a minimum vertical clearance of 52 feet except as follows:

(1) When a train approaches either bridge, amber lights attached to the bridge begin to flash and an audible signal on the bridge sounds. At the end of 10 minutes, the amber light continues to flash; however, the audible signal stops and the draw lowers and locks if the photoelectric boat detection system detects no obstruction under the span. If there is an obstruction, the draw opens to its full height until obstruction is cleared.

(2) After the train clears the bridge, the draw opens to its full height, the amber flashing light stops, and the mid channel lights change from red to green, indicating the navigation channel is open for the passage of vessels.

[CGD 82-025, 49 FR 17452, Apr. 24, 1984; 49 FR 37381, Sept. 24, 1984, as amended by CGD2-91-03, 57 FR 1392, Jan. 14, 1992; USCG-1998-3799, 63 FR 35527, June 30, 1998; USCG-2000-7223, 65 FR 40056, June 29, 2000]

§ 117.125 Black River.

The following draws need not be opened for the passage of vessels:

(a) Union Pacific railroad bridge, mile 3.4 at Paroquet.

(b) Burlington Northern railroad bridge, mile 68.4 at Black Rock.

(c) Arkansas State Highway Department bridge, mile 90.1 at Pocahontas.

(d) Burlington Northern railroad bridge, mile 90.4 at Pocahontas.

(e) Union Pacific railroad bridge, mile 144.4 at Corning.

(f) Arkansas State Highway Department bridge, mile 152.2 at Corning.

§ 117.127 Current River.

The draws of the Arkansas highway bridge, mile 10.2, and the Burlington Northern railroad bridge, mile 12.2, both at Biggers, need not be opened for the passage of vessels.

§ 117.129 Little Red River.

The draws of the Burlington Northern railroad bridge, mile 25.0, and Arkansas highway bridge, mile 25.2, both at Judsonia, and the Arkansas highway bridge, mile 30.5 at Searcy, need not be opened for the passage of vessels.

§ 117.131 Little River.

The draws of the Burlington Northern railroad bridge, mile 7.1 near Fulton, need not be opened for the passage of vessels.

§ 117.133 Ouachita River.

The draw of the St. Louis Southwestern Railroad Bridge, Mile 338.8 near Camden, need not be open for the passage of vessels.

[CGD2 89-03, 55 FR 12820, Apr. 6, 1990, as amended by USCG-1998-3799, 63 FR 35527, June 30, 1998]

§ 117.135 Red River.

The draws of the bridges above mile 276.0 at the Arkansas Louisiana border, need not be opened for the passage of vessels.

§ 117.137 St. Francis River.

The draws of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railroad bridge, mile 59.7 at Madison, and all drawbridges above that point, need not be opened for the passage of vessels.

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§ 117.139 White River.

(a) Requirements for the Missouri Pacific railroad bridge, mile 7.5 at Benzal, are in § 117.123.

(b) The draws of the St. Louis Southwestern railroad bridge, mile 98.9 at Clarendon, the US70 highway bridge, mile 121.7 at DeValls Bluff, the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad bridge, mile 122.0 at DeValls Bluff, the Missouri Pacific railroad bridge, mile 196.3 at Augusta, and the Missouri Pacific railroad bridge, mile 254.8 at Newport, shall open on signal if at least eight hours notice is given. The draws of any of these bridges need not be opened for a vessel that arrives later than two hours after the time specified in the notice, unless a second notice of at least eight hours is given.

(c) The draws of the Arkansas highway bridge, mile 300.1 at Batesville, and the Missouri Pacific railroad bridge, mile 401.9 at Cotter, need not be opened for the passage of vessels.

CALIFORNIA

§ 117.140 General.

In California, when fog prevails by day or night, the drawtender, after sounding the opening signal, shall toll a bell continuously during the approach and passage of a vessel.

§ 117.141 American River.

The draw of the Jiboom Street bridge, mile 0.1 at Sacramento, need not be opened for the passage of vessels.

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