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§ 117.205 Connecticut River.

(a) The owners of the AMTRAK Old Saybrook-Old Lyme Bridge, mile 3.4 the Route 82 Bridge, mile 16.8, and the CONRAIL Middletown-Portland Bridge, mile 32.0, shall provide, and keep in good legible condition, clearance gauges with figures not less than twelve (12) inches which designed, installed and maintained according to the provisions of §118.160 of this chapter.

(b) The draws of the AMTRAK Old Saybrook-Old Lyme Bridge, mile 3.4, and the CONRAIL Middletown-Portland Bridge, mile 32.0, shall be opened as soon as practicable for all non-commercial vessels that cannot pass under the closed draws, but in no case shall the delay be more than 20 minutes from the time the opening was requested.

(c) The draw of the Route 82 Bridge, mile 16.8, at East Haddam, shall open on signal except that, from 15 May to 31 October, between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m., the draw need open for recreational vessels on the hour and half-hour only. The draw shall open on signal for commercial vessels at all times.

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§ 117.207 Housatonic River.

(a) The draw of the US 1 Bridge, mile 3.5, at Stratford, shall open on signal; except that, from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m., Monday through Friday, and 4 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. daily, 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.

(b) The draw of the Metro-North (Devon) bridge, mile 3.9 at Stratford, shall operate as follows:

(1) The draw shall open on signal; except as follows:

(i) From 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. Monday through Friday except Federal holidays or an emergency, the draw need not be opened for the passage of vessels.

(ii) From 5:30 a.m. to 7 a.m. and from 5:45 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. except Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays, the draw need not be opened more than once in any 60 minute period.

(iii) From 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., the draw shall open on signal if notice is given to the chief dispatcher of the railroad before 4 p.m. on the day of the intended passage.

(2) A delay in opening the draw shall not exceed 20 minutes for the passage of approaching trains from the time of the request.

[CGD 82-025, 49 FR 43458, Oct. 29, 1984, as amended by CGD3 85-42, 50 FR 26711, June 28, 1985; CGD01-99-085, 64 FR 60673, Nov. 8, 1999]

§ 117.209 Mianus River.

The draw of the Metro-North bridge, mile 1.0 at Greenwich, shall operate as follows:

(a) From 5 a.m. to 9 p.m.—

(1) The draw shall open on signal immediately for the passage of commercial vessels and as soon as practicable but no later than 20 minutes after the signal to open for the passage of all other vessels.

(2) When a train scheduled to cross the bridge without stopping has passed the Greenwich or Riverside stations and is in motion toward the bridge, the draw shall open as soon as the train has crossed the bridge.

(b) The draw shall open on signal from April 1 through October 31, from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., after at least a four-hour advance notice is given and from November 1 through March 30, from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., after at least a twenty-four-hour advance notice is given by calling the number posted at the bridge.

[CGD 82-025, 49 FR 43458, Oct. 29, 1984, as amended by GCD01-00-228, 69 FR 32447, June 10, 2004; CGD01-00-228, 70 FR 75939, Dec. 22, 2005]

§ 117.211 Mystic River.

(a) The draw of the Amtrak railroad bridge, mile 2.4 at Mystic, shall operate as follows:

(1) From April 1 to October 31, the draw shall open on signal.

(2) From November 1 to March 31, the draw shall open on signal from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. From 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., the draw shall open on signal if at least eight hours notice is given.

(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.

(4) All other vessels shall be passed as soon as practicable but no later than 20 minutes after the signal to open is given.

(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.

(2) From November 1 through April 30, 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 43458, Oct. 29, 1984, as amended by CGD3 84-31, 50 FR 26710, June 28, 1985; CGD01-99-079, 64 FR 60675, Nov. 8, 1999; CGD01-03-115, 69 FR 31008, June 2, 2004]

§ 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