



MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN

These bulletins are purely informational for the maritime community within this Captain of the Port zone. They advise you of emerging information & situations that may impact our Marine Transportation System. As important, they help to manage expectations & facilitate cooperation regarding actions that we may be taking and/or that you may need to employ in the interest of safety/security. Increased vigilance in our maritime world hinges significantly upon proactive engagement & information sharing with the private sector, which has the primary responsibility for security & safety at their waterfront facilities & vessels.

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SUBJECT: PERMANENT REGULATED NAVIGATION AREA, SAFETY AND SECURITY ZONES, LONG ISLAND SOUND CAPTAIN OF THE PORT AND MARINE INSPECTION ZONE

1. The Coast Guard has established a permanent Regulated Navigation Area (RNA) and two permanent safety and security zones within the Long Island Sound (LIS) Captain of the Port (COTP) and Marine Inspection Zone. These regulations expand the safeguards implemented through temporary regulations that have been effective since December 2001, and which expired on August 15, 2003. This action is necessary to ensure public safety and prevent sabotage or other subversive acts against maritime interests within this COTP and Marine Inspection Zone. The regulations regulate the circumstances under which certain vessels may enter, transit or operate within the LIS COTP and Marine Inspection Zone and exclude all vessels from operating within the prescribed safety and security zones without first obtaining authorization from the COTP. These permanent regulations, located at Title 33 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), sections 165.153 and 165.154, became effective August 16, 2003.
2. The two new permanent safety and security zones are sited as follows:
 - a. Dominion Millstone Nuclear Power Plant:
 - (i) All waters north and north east of a line running from Bay Point (41-18.57 N, 072-10.41 W) to Millstone Point (41-18.25 N, 072-09.96 W); and
 - (ii) All waters west of a line starting at 41-18.700 N, 072-09.650 W, running south to the eastern most point of Fox Island (41-18.400 N, 072-09.660 W).
 - b. All waters within 100 yards of any anchored Coast Guard vessel.
3. This RNA encompasses all waters within the Long Island Sound Captain of the Port (COTP) zone seaward to 12 miles from the territorial sea baseline. The following eight regulations are imposed under the RNA:
 - a. An 8-knot speed restriction for vessels of 300 gross tons (GT) or more operating in the Thames River north from channel buoys 7 & 8 through and to the northern limit of the Naval Submarine Base New London Restricted Area, as that area is specified in 33 CFR § 334.75(a).
 - b. Vessels of 300 GT or more and all vessels engaged in towing barges must issue Securite' calls on marine band or VHF radio channel 16 upon approach to the following locations:
 - (1) Inbound approach to Cerberus Shoal; and
 - (2) Outbound approach to Race Rock Light (USCG Light List No. 19815).
 - c. All vessels operating within the RNA that are bound for a port or place located in the United States or that must transit the internal waters of the United States must be inspected to the satisfaction of COTP LIS before entering waters within three nautical miles from the territorial sea baseline. Vessels awaiting inspection will be required to anchor in the manner directed by the COTP. This inspection requirement does not apply to:
 - (i) vessels operating exclusively within the LIS COTP and Marine Inspection Zone;
 - (ii) vessels on a single voyage which depart from and return to the same port or place within the RNA;
 - (iii) all towing vessels engaged in coastwise trade;
 - (iv) vessels in innocent passage not bound for a port or place subject to the jurisdiction of the United States; and
 - (v) all vessels not engaged in commercial service whose last port of call was in the United States.
 - d. All vessels operating within the RNA that are bound for a port or place located in the United States or that must transit the internal waters of the United States must obtain authorization from the COTP before entering waters within three nautical miles from the territorial sea baseline. Vessels awaiting COTP authorization to enter waters within three nautical miles from the

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territorial sea baseline will be required to anchor in the manner directed by the COTP. This authorization requirement does not apply to:

- (i) vessels operating exclusively within the LIS COTP and Marine Inspection Zone;
- (ii) vessels on a single voyage which depart from and return to the same port or place within the RNA;
- (iii) all towing vessels engaged in coastwise trade;
- (vi) vessels in innocent passage not bound for a port or place subject to the jurisdiction of the United States; and
- (vii) all vessels not engaged in commercial service whose last port of call was in the United States.

- e. Vessels over 1,600 GT operating in the RNA within 3 nautical miles from the territorial sea baseline must receive authorization from the COTP prior to transiting or any intentional vessel movements.
 - f. Vessels of 300 GT or more are prohibited from entering all waters within a 1200-yard radius of any ferry vessel transiting in any portion of the RNA without first obtaining the express prior authorization of the ferry vessel licensed operator, licensed master, or the designated COTP on-scene patrol.
 - g. No vessel may enter within a 100-yard radius of any vessel in commercial service transiting, moored, or berthed in any portion of the RNA without the express prior authorization of the vessel's licensed operator, master, or the designated COTP on-scene representative.
 - h. Any vessel operating beneath a bridge must make a direct, immediate and expeditious passage beneath the bridge while remaining within the navigable channel. No vessel may stop, moor, anchor or loiter beneath a bridge at any time or may approach within a 25-yard radius of any bridge foundation, support, stanchion, pier or abutment except as required for the direct, immediate and expeditious transit beneath a bridge.
4. Except as otherwise noted above, these permanent regulations apply to all vessels within the RNA, except for U.S. flagged Public vessels.

5. These regulations do not affect:

- the advanced notice of arrival requirements required under 33 CFR Part 160, subpart C;
- the Naval Vessel Protection Zone regulations (33 CFR Part 165, Subpart G);
- the Naval Submarine Base Restricted Area on the Thames River (33 CFR §334.75);
- the permanent security zones on the Thames River (33 CFR § 165.140);
- or any other existing regulations.

6. This final regulation was published in the Federal Register on **August 15, 2003 (68 Federal Register Number 158, pages 48798-48803)**. Copies of this regulation are available at the GRU/MSO Long Island Sound website, <http://www.uscg.mil/d1/units/grumsolis/>, through the Federal Register website at http://www.archives.gov/federal_register/index.html, or may be requested by contacting LT Andrea Logman, Waterways Management Officer, CG GRU/MSO Long Island Sound, 120 Woodward Avenue, New Haven, CT 06512, or at (203) 468-4429.

7. Any immediate questions concerning these regulations may be directed to Lieutenant Mark Shepard, at (203) 468.4505, or via email mshepard@grumsolis.uscg.mil.

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