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Subj: ISSUANCE OF FIRST CLASS PILOT LICENSE ENDORSEMENTS

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(b) 46 CFR 15.301

1. In accordance with reference (a), Regional Examination Centers shall no longer issue first class pilots endorsements for waterways that are not "designated areas" as defined in reference (b).

2. Questions regarding this matter may be directed to CDR Tetreau, Chief, Marine Safety Compliance Branch at (504) 589-3624.



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By direction

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10, 1997. Each person should provide his or her name, company or organizational affiliation, date of birth, and social security number to the ACIEP Secretariat at telephone number (202) 647-7727 or fax number (202) 647-5713 (Attention: Ann Alexandrowicz). A list will be made up for Diplomatic Security and the Reception Desk at the C Street diplomatic entrance (21st and C Streets, NW), where Department personnel will direct them to Room 1107.

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Manning Requirements—Pilotage

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of designated areas.

SUMMARY: This notice lists the designated areas in the Eighth Coast Guard District for which new first class pilot licenses and endorsements will be issued by the Eighth Coast Guard District Regional Examination Centers. These areas have been designated consistent with the revised manning requirements introduced in 1994.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: CDR Guy A. Tetreau, Marine Safety Division, Eighth Coast Guard District, (504) 589-3624, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, except federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction

New first class pilot licenses and endorsements will only be issued for those areas within the Eighth Coast Guard District that have been designated by the cognizant Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection (OCMI). Eighth District Regional Examination Centers shall continue to renew existing first class pilot licenses with all previously earned endorsements.

Background

"Designated areas" are " * * * those areas within pilotage waters for which first class pilot's licenses or endorsements are issued * * *" (46 CFR 15.301). These areas are designated by the OCMI based upon the particular hazards of the waterway involved. They are the only areas for which first class pilots licenses and endorsements are required, and for which new first class pilotage licenses and endorsements will be issued.

Eighth Coast Guard District Designated Areas

The following is a list of the Eighth District designated areas for which first class pilots licenses or endorsements are required. Future changes to designated areas will be published in the Federal Register.

MSO Mobile

- The Port St. Joseph Bay Channel from St. Joseph Bay entrance lighted buoy "SJ" to the turning basin in Port St. Joe for St. Joseph, FL.
- The St. Andrews Bay Channel from St. Andrews Bay entrance lighted buoy "SA" to the port of Panama City, including the area between the Hathaway Bridge and the Dupont Bridge, or St. Andrews Bay, Panama City, FL.
- The Pensacola Bay Channel, Inner Harbor, and its approaches, to three miles from Pensacola Bay, Pensacola, FL.
- The Mobile Alabama Main Ship Channel from Mobile entrance lighted buoy "M" to the Cochran Bridge, including Hollinger's Island, Theodore, and Arlington Channels.
- The Horn Island Pass Ship Channel from Horn Island Pass entrance lighted buoy "HI" to the Bayou Cassotte turning basin via the Bayou Cassotte Channel, and to the Pascagoula River turning basin via the Pascagoula Channel, Pascagoula, MS.
- The Ship Island Bar Channel from Ship Island Bar lighted buoy "GP" to the state dock facility including the Gulfport Ship Channel, Gulfport, MS.
- The coastal approach from St. George Sound, Dog Island Reef light #1 to St. Marks, FL, including the St. Marks River channel.
- The Bayou Labatre entrance channel from the intersection of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway to the Bayou Labatre Lift Bridge, Bayou Labatre, AL.

MSO New Orleans

- The Lower Mississippi River including:

- (1) Southwest Pass from sea buoy to Head of Passes;
- (2) from Head of Passes to mile 234 Above Head of Passes (AHOP).
- The Mississippi River Gulf Outlet.
- The Inner Harbor Navigational Canal.

MSO Morgan City

- The Lower Atchafalaya River from Point Au Fer Reef Light (LLN 18030) to Stout's Pass at Atchafalaya River mile 115.5.
- The Gulf Intracoastal Waterway from its intersection with the Lower Atchafalaya River at 20 Grand Point (MM 95.5 WHL) east to the Bayou Boeuf Locks.

MSO Port Arthur

- The Sabine River from the Offshore Sea buoys "29" and "30" to the north end of the Old Navy piers in Orange, TX.
- The Neches River from the Sabine/ Neches intersection to the I-10 Bridge, north of Beaumont, TX.
- The Calcasieu River from the Offshore "CC" buoy, in Pilot Boarding Area 4, north to the I-10 Bridge spanning the Calcasieu, including the Industrial Canal at Devil's Elbow, and the deep water channels for Clooney and Coon Islands.

MSO Houston-Galveston

- The Galveston Entrance Channel from the red and white "GB" buoy to red buoy "18."
- The Galveston Ship Channel from the green "1" buoy to Pelican Island Bridge.
- The Bolivar Roads Ferry Route from the Bolivar Ferry Landing to the Galveston Ferry Landing, crossing the Bolivar Roads Channel.
- The Texas City Channel from Green "1" buoy to the turning basin
- The Houston Ship Channel from red buoy "18" to Buffalo Bayou turning basin.
- The Bayport Ship Channel from the intersection of the Houston Ship Channel to the Bayport turning basin.
- The Freeport Channel from the red and white "FP" buoy to the turning basin.

MSO Corpus Christi

- The Matagorda Ship Channel from the sea buoy to Port of Point Comfort.
- The Corpus Christi Ship Channel from the sea buoy to Viola turning basin including La Quinta Channel.
- The Brownsville Ship Channel to Port Isabel.