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§ 175.140 Prohibited use.

No person in a boat shall display a visual distress signal on waters to which this subpart applies under any circumstance except a situation where assistance is needed because of immediate or potential danger to the persons on board.

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§ 175.201 Ventilation.

No person may operate a boat built after July 31, 1980, that has a gasoline engine for electrical generation, mechanical power, or propulsion unless it is equipped with an operable ventilation system that meets the requirements of 33 CFR 183.610 (a), (b), (d), (e), and (f) and 183.620(a).

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PART 177—CORRECTION OF ESPECIALLY HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS

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§ 177.01 Purpose and applicability.

This part prescribes rules to implement section 4308 of Title 46 United States Code which governs the correction of especially hazardous conditions on recreational vessels and uninspected passenger vessels on waters subject to the jurisdiction of the United States and, for a vessel owned in the United States, on the high seas, except operators of:

(a) Foreign boats temporarily using waters subject to United States jurisdiction;

(b) Military or public boats of the United States, except recreational-type public boats;

(c) A boat whose owner is a State or subdivision thereof, which is used principally for governmental purposes

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and which is clearly identifiable as such:

(d) Ship's lifeboats.

§ 177.03 Definitions.

As used in this part:

(a) [Reserved]

(b) Boat means any vessel:

(1) Manufactured or used primarily for noncommercial use; or

(2) Leased, rented, or chartered to another for the latter's noncommercial use; or

(3) Engaged in the carrying of six or fewer passengers.

(c) Coast Guard Boarding Officer means a commissioned, warrant, or petty officer of the Coast Guard having authority to board any vessel under the Act of August 4, 1949, 63 Stat. 502, as amended (14 U.S.C. 88).

(d) Operator means the person who is in control or in charge of a boat while it is in use.

(e) Use means operate, navigate, or employ.

(f) Vessel includes every description of watercraft, other than a seaplane on the water, used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on the water.

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§ 177.05 Action to correct an especially hazardous condition.

An operator of a boat who is directed by a Coast Guard Boarding Officer to take immediate and reasonable steps necessary for the safety of those aboard the vessel, under section 4308 of Title 46, United States Code, shall follow the direction of the Coast Guard Boarding Officer, which may include direction to:

(a) Correct the especially hazardous condition immediately;

(b) Proceed to a mooring, dock, or anchorage; or

(c) Suspend further use of the boat until the especially hazardous condition is corrected.

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§ 177.07 Other unsafe conditions.

For the purpose of section 4308 of Title 46, United States Code, "other unsafe condition" means a boat:

(a) Does not display between sunset and sunrise the navigation lights prescribed by the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (72 COLREGS) or, when in use upon the inland waters of the United States, the Inland Navigational Rules Act of 1980 (Pub. L. 96-591), 94 Stat. 3415, 33 U.S.C. 2001, et seq.;

(b) That is operated by an individual who is apparently intoxicated, as defined in § 95.020 of this chapter, to the extent that, in the boarding officer's discretion, the continued operation of the vessel would create an unsafe condition.

(c) Has a fuel leakage from either the fuel system or engine, or has an accumulation of fuel in the bilges.

(d) Does not meet the applicable ventilation requirements for tanks and engine spaces prescribed by 46 CFR 25.40 (which applies to certain boats built before August 1, 1980), or Subpart K Ventilation, of 33 CFR Part 183 (which applies to boats built after July 31, 1980);

(e) Does not meet the requirements for backfire flame control prescribed by 46 CFR 25.35; or

(f) Is operated in a Regulated Boating Area as described in § 177.08 when: (1) The wave height within the Regulated Boating Area is 4 feet or greater; or

(2) The wave height within the Regulated Boating Area is equal to or greater than the wave height determined by the formula

$$L/10 + F = W$$

where:

L=Overall length of a boat measured in feet in a straight horizontal line along and parallel with the centerline between the intersections of this line with the vertical planes of the stem and stern profiles excluding deckhouses and equipment.

F=The minimum freeboard when measured in feet from the lowest point along the upper strake edge to the surface of the water.

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W=Maximum wave height in feet to the nearest highest whole number; or

(3) The surface current is 4 knots or greater within the Regulated Boating Area.

(g) Designated manifestly unsafe for a specific voyage on a specific body of water due to:

(1) Unsuitable design or configuration, or

(2) Improper construction or inadequate material condition, or

(3) Improper or inadequate operational or safety equipment, and set forth in a regulation issued by a District Commander under the authority of 33 CFR 1.05-1(d).

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EDITORIAL NOTE: For FEDERAL REGISTER citations affecting § 177.07, see the List of CFR Sections Affected in the Finding Aids section of this volume.

§ 177.08 Regulated boating areas.

For the purpose of this part, the following are regulated boating areas.

Note: Geographic coordinates expressed in terms of latitude or longitude, or both, are not intended for plotting on maps or charts whose referenced horizontal datum is the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83), unless such geographic coordinates are expressly labeled NAD 83. Geographic coordinates without the NAD 83 reference may be plotted on maps or charts referenced to NAD 83 only after application of the appropriate corrections that are published on the particular map or chart being used.

(a) Quillayute River Entrance, Wash. From the west end of James Island 47°54'23" N., 124°39'05" W. southward to buoy No. 2 at 47°53'42" N., 124°38'42" W., eastward to the shoreline at 47°53'42" N., 124°37'51" W., thence northward along the shoreline to 47°54'29" N., 124°38'20" W., thence northward to 47°54'36" N., 124°38'22" W., thence westward to the beginning.

(b) Grays Harbor Entrance, Wash. From a point on the shoreline at 46°59'00" N., 124°10'10" W. westward to 46°59'00" N., 124°15'30" W. thence southward to 46°51'00" N., 124°15'30" W. thence eastward to a point on the shoreline at 46°51'00" N., 124°06'40" W. thence northward along the shoreline to a point at the south jetty 46°54'20"