DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[Docket No. USCG-2021-0369]

Safety Zone; City of Port Aransas, Port Aransas 4th of July Fireworks

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of enforcement of regulation.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard will enforce the safety zone for Port Aransas 4th of July Fireworks Display on July 4, 2021, to provide for the safety of persons, vessels, and the marine environment on navigable waterways during this event. Our regulation for marine events within the Eighth Coast Guard District identifies the safety zone for this event in Port Aransas, TX. During the enforcement periods, entry into this zone is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Sector Corpus Christi (COTP) or a designated representative.

DATES: The regulations in 33 CFR 165.801, Table 4, Line 3, will be enforced from 9 p.m. through 11:30 p.m. on July 4, 2021, unless the event is postponed because of adverse weather, in which case this rule will be enforced from 9 p.m. through 11:30 p.m. on July 5, 2021 and July 6, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about this notice of enforcement, call or email Lieutenant Commander Margaret Brown, Sector Corpus Christi Waterways Management Division, U.S. Coast Guard; telephone 361-939-5130, email Margaret.A.Brown@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Coast Guard will enforce the safety zone in 33 CFR 165.801, Table 4, Line 3, for the City of Port Aransas Fourth of July
Fireworks Display from 9 p.m. through 11:30 p.m. on July 4, 2021, with a rain date set for July 5, 2021 and July 6, 2021. This action is being taken to provide for the safety of persons, vessels, and the marine environment on navigable waterways during this event.

Our regulation for marine events within the Eighth Coast Guard District, § 165.801, specifies the location of the safety zone for the Port Aransas Fourth of July Fireworks Display, which encompasses portions of Corpus Christi Ship Channel, Port Aransas, TX.

As reflected in §§ 165.23 and 165.801(a), if you are the operator of a vessel in the regulated area you must comply with directions from the Captain of the Port Sector Corpus Christi (COTP) or any designated representative. Persons or vessels desiring to enter the zone must request permission from the COTP or a designated representative. They can be reached on VHF FM channel 16 or by telephone at (361) 939-0450.

If permission is granted, all persons and vessels shall comply with the instructions of the COTP or designated representative.

In addition to this notice of enforcement in the Federal Register, the COTP or a designated representative will inform the public through Broadcast Notice to Mariners (BNM), Local Notices to Mariners (LNM), Marine Safety Information Broadcasts (MSIBs), and/or through other means of public notice as appropriate at least 24 hours in advance of each enforcement.

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