



DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[Docket No. USCG-2023-0468]

Safety Zones; Annual Events in the Captain of the Port Buffalo Zone

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notification of enforcement of regulation.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard will enforce a safety zone that encompasses certain navigable waters in Vermilion, OH, for the Festival of the Fish at the Vermilion Harbor entrance, Lake Erie. This action is necessary and intended for the safety of life and property on navigable waters during this event. During the enforcement period, no person or vessel may enter the respective safety zone without the permission of the Captain of the Port Buffalo or a designated representative.

DATES: The regulations in 33 CFR 165.939, Table (a)(1) will be enforced from 9:15 p.m. through 11:15 p.m. on June 16, 2023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about this notice of enforcement, call or email LT Jared Stevens, Waterways Management Division, U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit Cleveland; telephone 216-937-0124, email D09-SMB-MSUCLEVELAND-WWM@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Coast Guard will enforce Safety Zones; Annual Events in the Captain of the Port Buffalo Zone, as listed in 33 CFR 165.939, Table 165.939 (a)(1) in Vermilion, OH, on all U.S. waters within a 420 foot radius of the fireworks launch site located at position 41°25'45" N and 082°21'54" W, (NAD 83) for the Festival of the Fish at the Vermilion Harbor entrance, Lake Erie.

Pursuant to 33 CFR 165.23, entry into, transiting, or anchoring within the safety zone during an enforcement period is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Buffalo or a designated representative. Those seeking permission to enter the safety zone may request permission from the Captain of Port Buffalo via channel 16, VHF-FM. Vessels and persons granted permission to enter the safety zone shall obey the directions of the Captain of the Port Buffalo or his designated representative. While within a safety zone, all vessels shall operate at the minimum speed necessary to maintain a safe course.

This notice of enforcement is issued under authority of 33 CFR 165.939 and 5 U.S.C. 552 (a). In addition to this notice of enforcement in the Federal Register, the Coast Guard will provide the maritime community with advance notification of this enforcement period via Broadcast Notice to Mariners or Local Notice to Mariners. If the Captain of the Port Buffalo determines that the safety zone need not be enforced for the full duration stated in this notice, they may use a Broadcast Notice to Mariners to grant general permission to enter the respective safety zone.

Dated: 5 June, 2023.

Jeff B. Bybee,
Commander, U.S. Coast Guard,
Captain of the Port Buffalo.

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