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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 100

[Docket Number USCG-2026-0404]

RIN 1625-AA08

Special Local Regulation; San Pedro Bay, CA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary special local regulation (SLR) for certain navigable waters of San Pedro Bay. The SLR is needed to protect personnel, vessels, and the marine environment from potential hazards created by the San Pedro Olympic Classes Regatta spanning two periods: July 19 through July 24, 2026, and August 3 through August 8, 2026. This regulation prohibits persons and vessels from entering the regulated area unless specifically authorized by the Captain of the Port Los Angeles – Long Beach or their designated representative.

DATES: This rule is effective from noon to 7 p.m. daily from July 19, 2026, through July 24, 2026, and from noon to 7 p.m. daily from August 3, 2026, through August 8, 2026.

ADDRESSES: To view available documents, go to https://www.regulations.gov and search for USCG-2026-0404.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about this proposed rule, contact LCDR Anthony Solares, Sector Los Angeles – Long Beach Waterways Management Division, U.S. Coast Guard; telephone 310-521-3860, or email D11-SMB-SectorLALB-WWM@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Table of Abbreviations

CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
COTP	Captain of the Port
DHS	Department of Homeland Security
FR	*Federal Register*
NPRM	Notice of proposed rulemaking
§	Section
SLR	Special Local Regulation
U.S.C.	United States Code

II. Background and Authority

A regatta series in San Pedro Bay will be held as part of the qualification process for the 2028 Summer Olympics. The event will span two periods: noon until 7 p.m. on July 19 through July 24, 2026, and from noon until 7 p.m. on August 3 through August 8, 2026. The event will involve up to 250 sailing vessels participating on each day of the event. A designated area within Los Angeles Harbor has been identified as the primary racing location, in addition to three backup racing locations. One backup location will be offshore of Point Fermin, with additional backup locations in and outside of the Long Beach Harbor breakwater, between Angels Gate and Queens Gate.

The Captain of the Port Los Angeles – Long Beach (COTP) is issuing this Special Local Regulation (SLR) under the authority in 46 U.S.C. 70041. The COTP has determined that potential hazards associated with the regatta include the possibility of non-participants crossing into the racing area. The purpose of this rulemaking is to protect event participants, non-participants, and transiting vessels before, during, and after the scheduled event.

Because of these potential hazards, the Coast Guard is issuing this rule without prior notice and comment. As is authorized by 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for not publishing a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) with respect to this rule because it is impracticable and contrary to the public interest. The Coast Guard did not receive the final details for this event until July 16, 2026, but we

must establish this SLR by July 19, 2026, to protect personnel, vessels, and the marine environment. Thus, we do not have enough time to solicit and respond to comments.

For the same reasons, the Coast Guard finds that under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3), good cause exists for making this rule effective less than 30 days after publication in the *Federal Register*.

III. Discussion of the Rule

This rule establishes a temporary SLR from noon until 7 p.m. daily from July 19, 2026, through July 24, 2026, and from noon until 7 p.m. daily from August 3, 2026, through August 8, 2026. The SLR will cover all navigable waters within pre-designated areas within San Pedro Bay. No vessel or person will be permitted to enter the regulated area without obtaining permission from the COTP or their designated representative.

IV. Regulatory Analyses

We developed this rule after considering numerous statutes and Executive orders related to rulemaking. Below we summarize our analyses based on a number of these statutes and Executive orders.

A. Impact on Small Entities

The regulatory flexibility analysis provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980, 5 U.S.C. 601-612, do not apply to rules that are not subject to notice and comment. Because the Coast Guard has, for good cause, waived the notice and comment requirement that would otherwise apply to this rulemaking, the Regulatory Flexibility Act's flexibility analysis provisions do not apply here.

Under section 213(a) of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-121), if this rule will affect your small business, organization, or governmental jurisdiction and you have questions, contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Small businesses may send comments to the Small Business and Agriculture Regulatory Enforcement Ombudsman

and the Regional Small Business Regulatory Fairness Boards by calling 1-888-REG-FAIR (1-888-734-3247). The Coast Guard will not retaliate against small entities that question or complain about this rule or any policy or action of the Coast Guard.

B. Collection of Information

This rule will not call for a new collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520).

C. Federalism and Indian Tribal Governments

We have analyzed this rule under Executive Order 13132, Federalism, and have determined that it is consistent with the fundamental federalism principles and preemption requirements described in that Order.

Also, this rule does not have tribal implications under Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments, because it does not have a substantial direct effect on one or more Indian tribes, on the relationship between the Federal Government and Indian tribes, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities between the Federal Government and Indian tribes.

D. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

As required by The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531-1538), the Coast Guard certifies that this rule will not result in an annual expenditure of $100,000,000 or more (adjusted for inflation) by a State, local, or tribal government, in the aggregate, or by the private sector.

E. Environment

We have analyzed this rule under Department of Homeland Security Directive 023-01, Rev. 1, associated implementing instructions, and Environmental Planning COMDTINST 5090.1 (series), which guide the Coast Guard in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), and have determined that this action is one of a category of actions that do not individually or

cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment.

This rule is a special local regulation. It is categorically excluded from further review under paragraph L61 of Appendix A, Table 1 of DHS Instruction Manual 023–01–001–01, Rev. 1.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 100

Harbors, Marine safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Security Measures, Waterways.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard amends 33 CFR part 100 as follows:

PART 100—SAFETY OF LIFE ON NAVIGABLE WATERS

1. The authority citation for part 100 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 46 U.S.C. 70041; 33 CFR 1.05-1.

2. Add § 100.T1199-0140 to read as follows:

§ 100.T1199-0140 Special Local Regulation; San Pedro Bay, CA

(a) *Location.* This special local regulation applies to the following regulated areas:

(1) SF-1 (primary): All waters of San Pedro Bay, from surface to bottom, encompassed by a line connecting the following points beginning at 33° 42.6′ N, 118° 16.8′ W, thence to 33° 42.7′ N, 118° 16.8′ W, thence to, 33° 42.8′ N, 118° 15.6′ W, thence to 33° 42.4′ N, 118° 15.5′ W, thence to 33° 42.3′ N, 118° 15.9′ W, thence to 33° 42.3′ N, 118° 16.2′ W, and back to the beginning point.

(2) SF-2 (backup): All waters of San Pedro Bay, from surface to bottom, encompassed by a line connecting the following points beginning at 33° 42.0’ N, 118° 15.0’ W, thence to 33° 40.5’ N, 118° 15.0’ W, thence to 33° 40.5’ N, 118° 17.0’ W, thence to 33° 42.0’ N, 118° 17.0’ W, and back to the beginning point.

(3) SF-3 (backup): All waters of San Pedro Bay, from surface to bottom,

encompassed by a line connecting the following points beginning at 33° 43.0’ N, 118° 14.25’ W, thence to 33° 43.4’ N, 118° 15.0’ W, thence to 33° 44.0’ N, 118° 13.2’ W, thence to 33° 43.5’ N, 118° 13.0’ W, and back to the beginning point.

(4) SF-4 (backup): All waters of San Pedro Bay, from surface to bottom, encompassed by a line connecting the following points beginning at 33° 43.3’ N, 118° 12.4’ W, thence to 33° 42.3’ N, 118° 11.9’ W, thence to 33° 41.8’ N, 118° 13.9’ W, thence to 33° 42.7’ N, 118° 14.2’ W, and back to the beginning point.

(5) These coordinates are based on the World Geodetic System (WGS 84) / North American Datum 83 (NAD 83).

(b) *Definitions.* As used in this section, *designated representative* means a Coast Guard Patrol Commander, including a Coast Guard coxswain, petty officer, or other officer operating a Coast Guard vessel and a Federal, State, and local officer designated by or assisting the Captain of the Port Los Angeles – Long Beach (COTP) in the enforcement of the regulated area. *Participant* means all persons and vessels registered with the event sponsor as a participant in the race.

(c) *Regulations.* (1) All non-participants are prohibited from entering, transiting through, anchoring in, or remaining within the regulated area described in paragraph (a) of this section unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Los Angeles – Long Beach or their designated representative.

(2) To seek permission to enter, contact the COTP or the COTP’s representative on VHF-FM channel 16 or by telephone at (310) 521-3801. Those in the special regulated area must comply with all lawful orders or directions given to them by the COTP or the COTP’s designated representative.

(3) The COTP will provide notice of which regulated areas (SF-1, SF-2, SF-3, or SF-4) will be enforced through advanced notice via broadcast notice to mariners and by on-scene designated representatives.

(4) This section will be enforced daily from noon to 7 p.m. on July 19, 2026, through July 24, 2026, and daily from noon to 7 p.m. on August 3, 2026, through August 8, 2026.

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