

regulatory policies and procedures of the Department of Transportation (DOT) (44 FR 11040; February 26, 1979). The Coast Guard expects the economic impact of this proposal to be so minimal that a full Regulatory Evaluation under paragraph 10e of the regulatory policies and procedures of DOT is unnecessary.

This is attributed to the fact that the proposal merely codifies existing marine events and is also reflected by the fact that no public comments were received on this rule. Furthermore, each of the marine events in Table 1 will require that the navigable waterways delineated be closed for only a short period of time.

As demonstrated by past experience, these events have been successfully overseen by the Coast Guard for several years in cooperation with both the organizers of these events and the boating public. The same event regulations will be implemented for each marine event listed in Table 1 and the Coast Guard will continue to ensure that these recurring marine events are safely managed. Once the marine event is terminated the role of the Coast Guard in monitoring the marine event ceases.

No comments were received from the public on this issue. Implementing the change requested in the one comment received will not have any significant impact upon the public. The notice of proposed rulemaking had included a fireworks display and no comments were received on that event. Furthermore, this specific change does not pertain to the regulations that were specified in the notice to proposed rulemaking but is limited rather to the title and the duration of the marine event.

The change to Table 1 of this rule is limited in nature and provides for one additional hour of oversight by the Coast Guard in the interest of public safety.

Small Entities

No comments were received from the public on this issue. None of the marine events listed in Table 1 would exceed three days in duration and most of them are for only several hours of one day. Therefore, the Coast Guard certifies under section 605(b) of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. *et seq.*) that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Collection of Information

This rule contains no collection-of-information requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

Federalism

This rule has been analyzed in accordance with the principles and criteria contained in Executive Order 12612, and it has been demonstrated that this rule does not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment. No comments were received from the public concerning this issue. Furthermore, the change to Table 1 of this rule will not have any impact in this area.

Environment

This rule has been thoroughly reviewed by the Coast Guard and determined to be categorically excluded from further environmental documentation in accordance with section 2.B.2.e.(35) of Coast Guard Commandant Instruction M16475.1B. No comments were received from the public concerning this issue.

Each of these events is a routine marine parade taking place in commercialized areas involving less than 100 participating low-speed craft and less than 200 spectator boats. Fireworks displays are over water and less than 30 minutes in duration. All of these events have been held previously with no adverse environmental impact.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 100

Marine Safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Waterways.

Regulation

For the reasons set out in the preamble, the Coast Guard amends 33 CFR Part 100 as follows:

PART 100—[AMENDED]

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

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1233; 49 CFR 1.46 and 33 CFR 100.35

2. A new section 100.801 is added to read as follows:

§ 100.801. Annual Marine Events in the Eighth Coast Guard District.

The following regulations apply to the marine events listed in Table 1 of this section. These regulations will be effective annually, for the duration of each event listed in Table 1. Annual notice of the exact dates and times of the effective period of the regulation with respect to each event, the geographical area, and details concerning the nature of the event and the number of participants and type(s) of vessels involved will also be published in local notices to mariners. *Sponsors of events listed in Table 1 of*

this section must submit an application each year in accordance with 33 CFR 100.15.

(a) The Coast Guard will patrol the event area under the direction of a designated Coast Guard Patrol Commander. The Patrol Commander may be contacted on Channel 16 VHF-FM (156.8 MHz) by the call sign "PATCOM."

(b) All persons and vessels not registered with the sponsor as participants or official patrol vessels are considered spectators. The "official patrol vessels" consist of any Coast Guard, state or local law enforcement and sponsor provided vessels assigned or approved by the Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District, to patrol the event.

(c) Spectator vessels desiring to transit the regulated area may do so only with prior approval of the Patrol Commander and when so directed by that officer and will be operated at a no wake speed in a manner which will not endanger participants in the event or any other craft.

(d) No spectator shall anchor, block, loiter, or impede the through transit of participants or official patrol vessels in the regulated area during the effective dates and times, unless cleared for entry by or through an official patrol vessel.

(e) The Patrol Commander may forbid and control the movement of all vessels in the regulated area. When hailed or signaled by an official patrol vessel, a vessel shall come to an immediate stop and comply with the directions given. Failure to do so may result in expulsion from the area, citation for failure to comply, or both.

(f) Any spectator vessel may anchor outside the regulated area specified in Table 1 of this section, but may not anchor in, block, or loiter in a navigable channel.

(g) The Patrol Commander may terminate the event or the operation of any vessel at any time it is deemed necessary for the protection of life or property.

(h) The Patrol Commander will terminate enforcement of the special regulations at the conclusion of the event.

Table 1 of § 100.801

The Blessing of the Fleet and Fireworks Display, Morgan City, Louisiana
Sponsor: Louisiana Shrimp and Petroleum Festival & Fair Association, Inc.
Date: First Sunday of September
Duration: 8:30 a.m. through 1 p.m. and 9 p.m. through 10 p.m.
Location: Berwick Bay from the junction of the Lower Atchafalaya River at Morgan City, Louisiana, to