PART 706-[AMENDED]

Accordingly, 32 CFR Part 706 is amended as follows:

1. The authority citation for 32 CFR Part 706 continues to read:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1605.

§706.2 [Amended]

2. Table Three of § 706.2 is amended by adding the following vessel:

TABLE	3
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Vessel	No.	Masthead lights arc of visibility; rule 21(a)	Side lights arc of visi- bility; rule 21(b)	Stern light arc of visi- bility; rule 21(c)	Side lights distance in- board of ship's sides in meters 3(b) annex 1	Stern light, distance for- ward of stern in me- ters; rule 21(c)	Forward an- chor light, height above hull in meters; 2(K) annex 1	Anchor lights relation- ship of aft light to for- ward light in meters 2(K) annex 1
* YTB–820	* YTB–82	* 0	*		* 3.08	* 14.20		*
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3. Table Four of § 706.2 is amended by adding the following vessel to Paragraph 14:

Vessel No.					Distance in meters of aux. mast- head light below mini- mum re- quired height. Annex I, sec. 2(a)(i)	
YTB-820	*	*	*	*	3.30	
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 100

[CGD01-95-036]

Special Local Regulation: Whatever Festival Hydroplanes, Kennebec River, Augusta, ME

AGENCY: Coast guard, DOT. ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing a permanent special local

regulation for a racing event called the Whatever Festival Hydroplanes. The race will be held annually on the fourth weekend in June in the waters of the Kennebec River, Augusta, ME. This regulation is needed to protect the boating public from the hazards associated with high speed hydroplane racing in confined waters.

EFFECTIVE DATES: This rule is effective October 30, 1995.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Drafting Information

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Background and Purpose

On February 3, 1995, the sponsor, Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce, submitted a request to hold a hydroplane race on the Kennebec River, Augusta, ME. The sponsor plans to hold such a race every year in late June. In response, the Coast Guard is establishing a permanent special local regulation on the Kennebec River for this event known as the "Whatever Festival Hydroplanes." This rule establishes a regulated area on the Kennebec River and provides specific guidance to control vessel movement during the race. This event will include up to 50 hydroplanes competing on a rectangular course at speeds approaching 70 m.p.h. Due to the inherent dangers of a race of this type, vessel traffic will be temporarily restricted to provide for the safety of the spectators and participants.

The sponsor will provide a minimum of four safety boats, two manned with divers, and an EMT rescue ambulance on shore. All sponsor resources will be identified with regatta signs or flags in accordance with American Power Boat Association requirements. A Coast Guard patrol also will be assigned to the event. The race course will be wellmarked and patrolled, but due to the speed and proximity of the participating vessels, it is necessary to establish a special local regulation to control spectator and commercial vessel movement within the confined area.

Regulatory History

A Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) was published for this rule on 26 April 1995 (60 FR 20463); no comments were received and no changes were made to the original proposal.

Discussion of Rule

The Coast Guard is establishing a special local regulation on specified waters of the Kennebec River, Augusta, Maine. The regulated area will be closed to all traffic annually on the fourth weekend in June. In emergency situations, provisions will be made to establish safe escort by Coast Guard designated vessels for mariners requiring transit through any regulated area. This regulation is needed to