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NOTICE OF A SAFETY ZONE

Notice is hereby given of a safety zone under Title 33 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 165.7 (a), which may not be entered without the prior permission of the Coast Guard Captain of the Port.

The Coast Guard is establishing temporary, moving safety zones in the navigable waters of the San Francisco Bay around four fireworks launch barges used for a New Year's Eve fireworks display. Safety zones encompassing the navigable waters 100 feet around and under the barges will commence with the loading of fireworks onto the barges at Pier 50 in San Francisco at 10 a.m. (PST) on December 30, 2003. The safety zones will continue to be in effect during the transit of the fireworks from Pier 50 to the location of the fireworks display. The transit is scheduled to occur between 10:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. (PST) on December 31, 2003. Once the barges are in position approximately 1000 feet off the San Francisco Waterfront southeast of the Ferry Building, the safety zones surrounding the barges will increase in size to encompass the navigable waters within 1,000 feet around and under each barge during the fireworks display, which will take place between 11:59 p.m. (PST) on December 31, 2003 and 12:15 a.m. (PST) on January 1, 2004. During the fireworks display, the two northernmost barges will be lashed together in approximate position 37°47'40" N, 122°23'17" W, and the two southernmost barges will be lashed together in approximate position 37°47'37" N, 122°23'14" W.

These temporary safety zones are necessary to provide for the safety of mariners in the vicinity of the fireworks barges, and for the safety of the vessels, their crews, and technicians working on the fireworks barges. All persons and vessels are prohibited from entering into, transiting through or remaining in these safety zones without permission of the Captain of the Port or his designated representative. Each person and vessel within a safety zone shall obey any direction or order of the Captain of the Port or his designated representative. If the need for these safety zones ends before the scheduled termination time, the Captain of the Port will cease enforcement of the safety zones and will announce that fact via Broadcast Notice to Mariners.

PENALTY: Title 33 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 165.23 prohibits any unauthorized person or vessel from entering or remaining in this safety zone. Any person entering a safety zone without the permission of the Captain of the Port is subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$27,500.

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