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U. S. COAST GUARD CAPTAIN OF THE PORT
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**REGULATED NAVIGATION AREA IN EFFECT ON THE CAPE FEAR
RIVER**

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The Coast Guard has established a temporary regulated navigation area (RNA) on the waters of the Cape Fear River, Wilmington, NC. This action is necessary to minimize the potential risk of allision to the USS NORTH CAROLINA while moored at the North Carolina State Port, Wilmington NC. This rule will enhance the safety of vessels transiting this area of the Cape Fear River during the period of reduced horizontal clearance.

This rule is effective from 8 a.m. on April 25, 2008 through 8 p.m. May 7, 2008. The RNA will encompass the waters of the Cape Fear River from 1 nautical mile south of the North Carolina State Port, Wilmington NC in the vicinity of Cape Fear River Mile Marker 59 at 34 deg. 10.75' N to 1 nautical mile north of the North Carolina State Port, Wilmington NC, in the vicinity of the Cape Fear River Bridge at 34 deg. 13.10' N.

While the USS NORTH CAROLINA is moored at the North Carolina State Port, Wilmington, NC, each operator of a vessel of 300 gross tons or more or a tug and tow with a combined tonnage of 300 gross tons or more that intends to enter the RNA shall:

- (i) Ensure sufficient propulsion and directional control to safely navigate the RNA under prevailing conditions;
- (ii) Make the necessary arrangements to be escorted through the RNA by a tug with sufficient horsepower to arrest and control the vessel or tug and tow in the event of a steering, propulsion, or other casualty;
- (iii) Ensure no meeting or overtaking of any other vessel of 300 gross tons or more or a tug and tow with a combined tonnage of 300 gross tons or more in the RNA; and
- (iv) Obtain authorization from the Captain of the Port, Cape Fear River. To seek permission to transit the area, the Captain of the Port, Cape Fear River can be contacted via Sector North Carolina at telephone number (252) 247-4570.

If permission is granted, all persons and vessels must comply with the instructions of the Captain of the Port, Cape Fear River and proceed at the minimum speed necessary to maintain a safe course while transiting the RNA.

The Captain of the Port, Cape Fear River, by the direction of the District Commander, may grant waivers upon request, and authorize a deviation from any part of this regulation if it is found the proposed operation can be done safely. A request for waiver and/or deviation must be received, in writing, not less than 24 hours before the intended operation and must state specifically why this action is necessary.



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