



Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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Guidance on Marine Event Permit Procedures

Coast Guard Sector Los Angeles – Long Beach provides the following clarification and guidance on marine event permitting procedures in light of recent cases of untimely marine event permit submissions that required Coast Guard review. Noncompliance with the marine event permitting requirements may result in cancellation of events and/or enforcement actions against responsible parties.

What is the Applicability for Marine Event Permits?

A Marine Event is defined as an organized water event of limited duration conducted according to a prearranged schedule, and which presents an extra or unusual hazard to the safety of life that cannot be protected against by the existing Navigation Rules.

Examples of a marine event may include any concentration of traffic on the water, whether participant or spectator, craft or not, and competitive or non-competitive in nature such as, but not limited to, individuals or organizations planning to hold a regatta, commercial filming shoots, fishing tournaments, high-speed boat races, stand up paddleboat races, fireworks displays or marine parades.

Do I need to submit a Marine Event Permit?

If your event is within the Sector Los Angeles–Long Beach Captain of the Port (COTP) Zone outlined in 33 CFR 3.55-10, please answer the following questions in order to help determine if you are required to apply for a Coast Guard Marine Event Permit:

- Is it an organized water activity of limited duration conducted according to a prearranged schedule on the navigable waters of the United States?
- Is it likely to cause a high concentration of craft or otherwise interfere with normal navigation?
- Is it likely to introduce extra or unusual hazards to the safety of human life, i.e. does the event involve an inherently hazardous condition? For example: A speed boat race, a dragon boat race, fireworks, parade, commercial film shoot, etc.
- Are you requesting Coast Guard resources, establishment of a special local regulation, and/or safety zone?
- Will the event take place in or near a designated environmentally sensitive area, a critical habitat containing threatened or endangered species or an area of historic, cultural, or archeological significance?

If any of these may apply to your planned marine event or you have any questions, please contact our Waterways Management office to discuss your planned marine event.

What is the Timeline for Submission?

Applications need to be submitted to Sector Los Angeles–Long Beach Waterways Management Division at least **135** days prior to the start of the proposed event for new marine events and at least **60** days prior to the event for previously established and approved events.

Marine Event Permit Request Submission

Sponsors of marine events must submit an Application for Approval of Marine Events in accordance with 33 CFR Part 100. The Coast Guard accepts marine event application submissions through an online form available at: <https://homeport.uscg.mil/Pages/MarineEventFormSubmission.aspx>

Applicants will fill out the form and select the Los Angeles–Long Beach Captain of the Port Zone from the online pick list. A copy of the form will automatically be sent to Sector Los Angeles–Long Beach with a receipt acknowledging submittal to the applicant.

For additional information or questions regarding the bulletin, please email the Waterways Management Division at: D11-SMB-SectorLALB-WWM@uscg.mil.