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TITLE 33 - NAVIGATION AND NAVIGABLE WATERS

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PART 100 - SAFETY OF LIFE ON NAVIGABLE WATERS

100.734 - Annual Gasparilla Marine Parade; Hillsborough Bay, Tampa, FL

(a) Regulated Area. A regulated area is established consisting of all waters of Hillsborough Bay and its tributaries north of a line drawn along latitude 27°51.30'N. The regulated area includes the following in their entirety: Hillsborough Cut D Channel, Sparkman Channel, Ybor Channel, Seddon Channel and the Hillsborough River south of the John F.

Kennedy Bridge. Coordinates Reference Datum: NAD 1983.

(b) Special Local Regulations.

(1) Entry into the regulated area is prohibited to all commercial marine traffic from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. EST on the first Saturday in February.

(2) The regulated area is an idle speed, no wake zone.

(3) All vessels within the regulated area shall stay clear of and give way to all vessels in parade formation in the Gasparilla Marine Parade.

(4) When within the marked channels of the parade route, vessels participating in the Gasparilla Marine Parade may not exceed the minimum speed necessary to maintain steerage.

(5) Jet skis and vessels without mechanical propulsion are prohibited from the parade route.

(6) Northbound vessels in excess of 80 feet in length without mooring arrangements made prior to the first Saturday in February, are prohibited from entering Seddon Channel unless the vessel is officially entered in the Gasparilla Marine Parade. All northbound vessels in excess of 80 feet without prior mooring arrangements not officially entered in the Gasparilla Marine Parade, must use the alternate route through Sparkman Channel.

(c) Dates. This section becomes effective annually at 9 a.m. and terminates at 2:30 p.m. EST on 29 January 2011.