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## Change in Operating Schedule for Woods Memorial Bridge

The U.S. Coast Guard has drafted a temporary deviation from the operating schedule that governs the Woods Memorial Bridge, across the Beaufort River, now through August 2, 2015. This deviation will test a change to the drawbridge operation schedule to determine whether a permanent change to the schedule is needed.

This deviation will allow the Woods Memorial Bridge to remain closed to navigation from 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The bridge will open at the top of the hour between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. The bridge will open on demand between the hours of 6 p.m. and 6:30 a.m. During this deviation, any vessel that can safely transit under the bridge while closed may continue to do so.

Once this temporary deviation is published in the Federal Register, the daily journal of the U.S. Government, the Local Notice to Mariners will be updated. For more information, contact the U.S. Coast Guard District Seven Bridge Administration Branch at 305-415-6755.