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Barge Safety Plan

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Communication information –

Lead Pyrotechnician Jason Veentjer Cell 206-612-7642

- No Smoking signs posted, no smoking allowed.
- Personal safety devices (PFD life jacket) shall be worn by all individuals.
- During continuity checks, all personal will be moved away from discharge area.
- Fire suppression equipment will be located for easy access during the display
- Safety shelter will be installed for crew on barge
- Towing vessel will be always attached to the barge (Landing Craft)
- Communications with the (Landing Craft) will be by Cell Phone
- Emergency personal will be nearby during the show in case of emergency
- Egress for crew to the cabin of the landing craft will be available throughout the show in case of emergency
- Notify Coast Guard Vessel Traffic Service Puget sound (VTS) at least one hour prior to and upon conclusion of event via phone 206-217-6152
- Show will start approximately 10:00 PM
- Following the display, Pyrotechnician and crew will perform a safety check, and barge will be in contact with Mercer Island Boat Patrol to open safety zone to the public.
- In an emergency where there are injuries on the barge, Western Display will call the Mercer Island Boat Patrol. We will also notify the Coast Guard via phone at 206-217-6152.
- If there is any polluting spill into the water, we will notify the National Response Center at (800) 424-8802 or Sector Puget Sound Operation Center at (206) 217-6001.

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Loading Site address: Medina City Hall (Dock) 501 Evergreen Point Rd Medina, WA 98038

- The landing craft will arrive at the Medina City Hall dock at approximately 11am with the mortars already in place
- Fireworks will be delivered by a DOT licensed hazmat driver in a placarded truck in compliance with all state and federal regulations and arrive at the Medina City Hall dock at approximately 11am
- Fireworks will be moved from the truck to the landing craft in sealed DOT approved packaging
- Fireworks crew will board the landing craft
- Fireworks delivery truck will depart
- After fireworks are loaded the landing craft will be travel from Medina City Hall dock to the fireworks launch site and be anchored in place (see attached barge location map)
- The fireworks will remain in this sealed packaging until show setup commences on the anchored barge.
- Show will be fired at approximately 10pm for a duration of approximately 20 minutes
- Following the show, the crew will conduct an initial cleanup of the barge and fire any live shells that did not fire during the show
- The landing craft will travel back to the Medina City Hall dock to offload the crew
- Landing craft will depart the area and start the transit back to Anacortes where the mortars will be unloaded the next day



Commander United States Coast Guard Sector Puget Sound 1519 Alaskan Way S Seattle, WA 98134 Phone: 206-217-6051

16750 March 2, 2022

Ms. Andrea Robitsch Western Display Fireworks, Ltd Andrea@westerndisplay.com

Dear Ms. Robitsch,

I have received your Application for Approval of Marine Event, Form CG-4423, dated Tuesday, February 22, 2022, in which you requested approval for the Mercer Island Summer Celebration. I have reviewed your application and determined that the proposed event does not require a Coast Guard Marine Event Permit, as outlined in 33 CFR Part 100, in that the event does not introduce any extra or unusual hazards that would jeopardize the safety of human life on the navigable waters of the U.S. For this reason, a Coast Guard Permit for Marine Event, Form CG-4424, is not required.

You are reminded that, while no Coast Guard permit is required, you must comply with all existing Federal, State, and local laws and other requirements that may impact your ability to hold your event as proposed. You should take appropriate action to ensure compliance with all such requirements prior to holding your event. Although no Coast Guard permit will be issued at this time, it is your responsibility to contact this office if there are any changes to the event, including the number of participants and/or expected spectators, location, or any other significant changes that may necessitate reconsideration as to whether a permit is required. If there are changes that result in a risk to safety of life and/or to vessel traffic, you may be required to re-submit an event permit application. Failure to re-submit in the event of significant changes may result in termination of the event and fines under the Ports and Waterways Safety Act (33 U.S.C 1236).

I sincerely appreciate your proactive effort in bringing this marine event to my attention. Because of the dynamic nature of the waterway, boating, and maritime activities, the Coast Guard carefully considers the totality of the risks associated with each event on a case-by-case basis when determining whether a permit is needed. Although a Coast Guard Permit for Marine Event, Form CG-4424, is not required for this occasion, you should continue to submit an Application for Approval of Marine Event, Form CG-4423, for this, and any similar events, you may sponsor in the future. The information you provide with regard to all marine event permit applications is closely monitored by the Coast Guard, specifically by the Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) in the interest of maintaining the Coast Guard's awareness of your activity to further enhance safe vessel navigation. Additionally, a Puget Sound Vessel Traffic Service Marine Event Permit Addendum may be included with this letter which outlines additional requirements.

Furthermore, nothing in this determination is intended to restrict the Coast Guard's ability to take action authorized under the Ports and Waterways Safety Act, the Magnusson Act, or other

authorities to ensure the safety of vessels and waterfront facilities, and the protection of the navigable waters and the resources therein. Such actions could include promulgation of Regulated Navigation Areas or Limited Access Areas, broadcasting safety notices or disseminating safety flyers, or other actions taken under the authorities granted to the United States Coast Guard.

The decision that your proposed event does not require a Coast Guard permit in no way implies that the event is without risk or deemed completely safe, nor does it imply that the Coast Guard has "approved" the event. As the event sponsor, you are still responsible for the overall safety of the event and obtaining any appropriate permits from other Federal, State, or local authorities.

Additionally, weather conditions in Lake Washington can be unpredictable and occasionally unsuitable for on-water events. It is imperative that the necessary precautions are taken to ensure the safety of event participants. Environmental factors affecting on-scene safety should be taken into account, including time of day, temperature, humidity, precipitation, wind, sea conditions, visibility, and other hazards. If conditions degrade to the point of becoming hazardous, you should consider canceling or postponing your event.

Please contact the USCG Sector Puget Sound Waterways Management Division at (206) 217-6051 or email SectorPugetSoundWWM@uscg.mil if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Samuel & Loonsy
LCDR S. I. Looney

Chief, Waterways Management Division

U.S. Coast Guard

By direction