



# Marine Safety Unit Pittsburgh Waterways Information December 2017



## Allegheny River

**Seventh Street Bridge (0.7):** Due to a containment system, vertical clearance reduced to 38.38 feet above normal pool for the mid180 feet of the main navigational span.

**Ninth Street Bridge (0.8):** LNM - Horizontal clearance may be reduced due to a work barge with man-lift conducting an inspection, during daylight hours, until September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The inspection team can be reached by phone at (412) 201-4900 or (412) 327-2533.

## Ohio River

**Proposed New Bridge (75.5):** Pre-application stage. The new bridge will provide a minimum of 800 feet of horizontal clearance. Environmental review underway.

**Bellaire Bridge (94.3):** Demolition date to be determined.

**Vanport Bridge (28.0):** Due to a containment system, vertical clearance is reduced to 64 feet.

## Monongahela River

**Birmingham Bridge (2.3):** Due to construction, an access platform has temporarily reduced bridge's vertical clearance by 4 ft.

**Charleroi-Monessen Bridge (41.0):** Due to shoaling, L/D red pier light moved 140 feet channel ward to mark edge. Center green range lights have been moved 70 feet channel ward to mark center of navigation channel.

## Areas of Interest

### **1. Inspected towing vessel decision job aid, "Tug Safe," now available**

The Towing Vessel National Center of Expertise announced on its website Dec. 6, 2017, the availability of a new job aid, Tug Safe, designed to assist with preparation, completion and documentation of inspections and/or surveys of commercial towing vessels required to comply with 46 CFR Subchapter M. The job aid will generate a custom requirement list for a specific commercial towing vessel using a computer, laptop, tablet or smart phone.

[http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2017/12/07/1272017-inspected-towing-vessel-decision-job-aid-tug-safe-nowavailable/?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+MaritimeCommons+%28Maritime+Commons%29](http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2017/12/07/1272017-inspected-towing-vessel-decision-job-aid-tug-safe-nowavailable/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+MaritimeCommons+%28Maritime+Commons%29)

### **2. Fifth policy letter regarding Subchapter M implementation now available**

The Coast Guard Office of Commercial Vessel Compliance has issued Policy Letter 17-10, "Deficiency Recording and Reporting for Vessels Using a Towing Safety Management System (TSMS) Option," to provide guidance to Coast Guard entities including Officer(s) in Charge, Marine Inspection (OCMI), Third Party Organizations (TPO), and the marine industry on the recording and reporting of deficiencies and non-conformities on vessels whose owners have chosen to use the TSMS option.

<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2017/11/28/11282017-fifth-policy-letter-regarding-subchapter-m-implementation-now-available/>

### **3. Safety Alert 12-17- Fire extinguishers recalled due to failure to discharge**

The office of Investigations and Casualty Analysis issued Safety Alert 12-17 to inform mariners of a recall of certain models of Kidde brand fire extinguishers. Nearly 40 million extinguishers involving 134 different models have been recalled. These fire extinguishers were manufactured between January 1, 1973 and August 15, 2017,



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including models that were previously recalled in March 2009 and February 2015. The extinguishers were sold in red, white, and silver cylinder colors and are rated as either ABC or BC.

<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2017/11/13/11132017-safety-alert-12-17-fire-extinguishers-recalled-due-to-failure-to-discharge/>

#### **4. Pipeline Work – Monongahela River Mile 27.7**

Current BNM – The Captain of the Port Pittsburgh advises all mariners of pipeline work in the vicinity of mile 27.7 Monongahela River, Monday through Saturday from 6 a.m. through 6 p.m. The M/V Max-K is on scene and will be monitoring channel 13 and 16 for an navigation concerns.

#### **5. Safety Zone – Ohio River Miles 924-926**

The Captain of the Port Sector Ohio Valley has established a safety zone on the Ohio River from miles 924-926 due to potential hazards created by low water conditions. Vessels may not enter or transit the safety zone without approval of the Captain of the Port or his representative.