



Marine Safety Unit Pittsburgh Waterways Information February 2018



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.

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

Liberty Bridge (1.1): Vertical clearance in the navigation span reduced by 4 feet due to containment system. Containment follows contour of bridge providing 70 feet of vertical clearance above NP at center and 40 of vertical clearance above NP at pier faces. At various times and locations, channel’s horizontal clearance may be temporarily reduced by up to 100 feet due to the presence of a floating work plant. Expected completed time frame May 2018.

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.

Upcoming Marine Events

| Start Date | End Date | Event | Waterway | Closure | Time |
|------------|----------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------|-----------------|
| 24 Feb | 24 Feb | Pittsburgh Polar Bear Plunge | North Shore – near Heinz Field | None | 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. |

Areas of Interest

1. Coast Guard to start issuing COIs under Subchapter M TSMS option:

The Coast Guard will begin issuing Certificates of Inspection (COIs) to vessels using the Towing Safety Management System (TSMS) option to comply with [46 CFR Subchapter M](#).

To obtain a COI, the owner or managing operator of the towing vessel should follow the steps outlined in [46 CFR 136.210](#). The local Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection (OCMI) may, as resources permit, issue a COI based upon an onboard inspection or a valid Uninspected Towing Vessel (UTV) decal as provided in [CG-CVC Policy Letter 17-01](#)

<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/01/16/1-16-2018-coast-guard-to-start-issuing-cois-under-subchapter-m-tsms-option/>



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2. Updated Subchapter M FAQs now available:

The Towing Vessel National Center of Expertise recently published the latest additions and updates to the Frequently Asked Questions regarding Subchapter M, inspected towing vessels. As a convenience for our readers, in this post Maritime Commons is providing a compilation of those changes. To access the full library of [FAQs](#) regarding Subchapter M, visit TVNCOE's [website](#).

<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/01/08/1-8-2018-updated-subchapter-m-faqs-now-available/>

3. 2018 random drug testing rate set for crewmembers of inspected and uninspected vessels:

The Coast Guard announced in the Federal Register that the 2018 minimum random drug testing rate is set at 25 percent of covered crewmembers. The rate is effective Jan. 1, 2018 through Dec. 31, 2018. Marine employers must submit their 2017 Management Information System (MIS) reports no later than March 15, 2018. Annual MIS reports may be submitted by electronic submission to the following email address: DAPI@uscg.mil.

<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/01/19/1-19-2018-2018-random-drug-testing-rate-set-for-crewmembers-of-inspected-and-uninspected-vessels/>

4. 2018 Light List now available:

The following, newly released 2018 Light List products are available from the [Navigation Center](#) website: www.navcen.uscg.gov

- [The 2018 Light List \(PDF\)](#)

- [The Weekly Updates to the 2018 Light Lists](#) (PDF and XML)

- [The Summary of Corrections](#) (PDF)

<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/01/17/1-17-2018-2018-light-list-now-available/>