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Allegheny River**

Robert Clemente Bridge/Sixth Street Bridge (0.6):

A containment system is installed below low steel and follows the contour of the bridge. Vertical clearance is reduced **approximately 1-foot for the middle, 100 feet of the navigation span**. A work barge will be located outside of the navigation channel and will not affect navigation. Mariners are advised to transit the bridge with extreme caution. LNM 38-22

Ohio River**

10th Street Wheeling Highway Bridge/Wheeling Suspension Bridge (90.3):

Bridge Maintenance continuing through June 2023, the vertical clearance may **be reduced by 2 feet** due to maintenance being performed on the bridge. For more information, mariners may contact West Virginia Department of Transportation, Ahmed Mongi, at (304) 553-3941 or Advantage Steel and Construction, Matt Oskin, at (724) 352-4842. LNM 11-22

Cluster Upper Light (51.1):

The Coast Guard proposes the following Aid to Navigation Change: Discontinue Cluster Upper Light (LLNR-23285) at Mile 51.1, Right Descending Bank, in approximate position 40-33-55.001N/080-39-21.266W. Comments to be received by July 18, 2023. Please email comments regarding this proposal to: D08-SMB-District-LocalNoticeFeedback@uscg.mil LNM 21-23

Monongahela River**

Smithfield Street Bridge (0.8):

A containment system is installed and **will hang approximately 1.5 feet, below low steel**, following the contour of the bridge. LNM 33-22

Bridge Obstruction (1.5):

South Tenth Street Bridge; Starboard channel marker has been removed and is currently being worked on. Mariners are urged to exercise caution in the area.

**The information provided is for general infomational purpose only and does not include everything in the Local Notice to Mariner. Please visit the weekly Local Notice to Mariner for the latest information.

Upcoming Events**

- -Pirates Fireworks (Safety Zone, Allegeny River MM 0.2-0.9) on July 15, August 26, September 30.
- -Push Beaver County BOOM Fireworks (Safety Zone, Ohio River MM 25.2-25.6) on June 24.
- -Riversville Fireworks (Safety Zone, Monongahela River MM 123) on July 2.
- -Wells Township (Ohio River, MM75.5) on July 3.
- -Chester Volunteer Fire Department Fireworks (Ohio River) on July 4.



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- -City of Pittsburgh 4th of July Fireworks (Safety Zone, All,Ohio, Mon Rivers MM 0-0.5) on July 4.
- -Monongahela Area Chamber of Commerce 4th of July Fireworks (Mon River MM 32-33)on July 4
- -City of Steubenville Fireworks (Safety Zone, Ohio River MM 67.5-68.5) on July 4.

**Information is subject to change. This is meant to be used as an aid.

Areas of Interest

- New DOT Final Rule: Procedures for Transportation Workplace Drug and Alcohol Testing Programs:

Addition of Oral Fluid Specimen Testing for Drugs On May 2, 2023, the Department of Transportation published a final rule amending their regulate industry drug test program to include oral fluid testing. This rule can be found in 88 FR 27596 and at the following link: Federal Register:: Procedures for Transportation Workplace Drug and Alcohol Testing Programs: Addition of Oral Fluid Specimen Testing for Drugs. This rule becomes effective on June 1, 2023. While this rule allows employers the choice to use oral fluid to test for drugs, there are currently no laboratories certified to conduct the fluid testing. There have been NO changes to the USCG drug testing regulations in 46 CFR at this time. The DAPI program is currently developing training for USCG members.

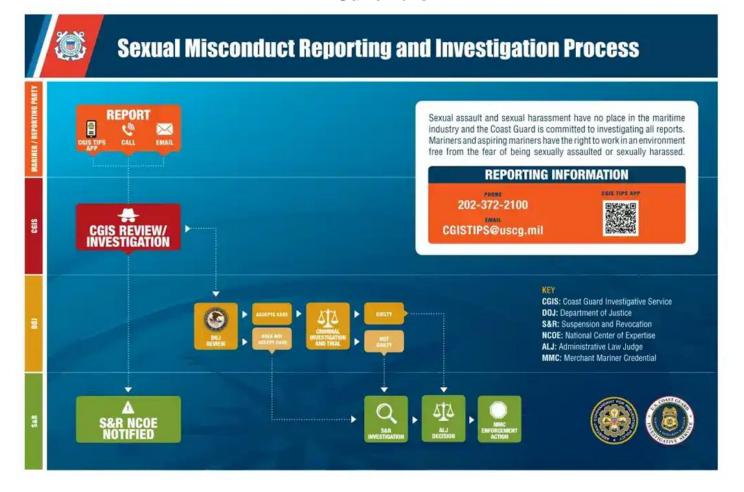
- -For additional information on Maritime Industry Cybersecurity please refer to to following link: <u>Coast Guard Maritime</u> Industry Cybersecurity Resource Website (uscg.mil)
- -Coast Guard investigators pursue administrative enforcement actions to suspend or revoke the merchant mariner credentials held by mariners who harm others or threaten the safety of the marine transportation system by creating toxic work environments on their vessels. (<u>Coast Guard Investigative Service remains ready to investigate all allegations of sexual misconduct in the maritime domain Maritime Commons</u>)
- Recent changes to the law now require the responsible entity of a vessel, defined as the owner, master, or managing operator, to report any complaint or incident of harassment, sexual harassment, or sexual assault to the Coast Guard that violates company policy. To help facilitate reporting, the Coast Guard has consolidated reporting for all types of sexual misconduct and established multiple reporting options as detailed in the below graphic.

Ways to report: CGIS Tips Apps, email (<u>CGISTIPS@uscg.mil</u>), National Command Center (NCC) phone number at 202-372-2100.



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