



Marine Safety Unit Pittsburgh Waterways Information April 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

Date	Event	Waterway	Closure	Time
19-April	CentiMark Corp. Fireworks	Ohio/Monongahela/Allegheny Rivers mile 0.0-0.25	Full	8:30 p.m.-10 p.m.
28-April	Pittsburgh Pirates Fireworks	Allegheny River mile 0.2-0.8	Full	8 p.m. – 11:59 p.m.
18-May	Pittsburgh Pirates Fireworks	Allegheny River mile 0.2-0.8	Full	8 p.m. – 11:59 p.m.

**There may be homerun/victory fireworks shot from River Rescue during all Pirates home games.*



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Areas of Interest

1. Policy Letter 18-04, Guidance on implementation of new firefighting equipment standards

The Office of Commercial Vessel Compliance released Policy Letter 18-04: "Guidance on Implementation of New Standards for Fire Protection, Detection, and Extinguishing Equipment," to provide guidance to Officer(s) in Charge, Marine Inspection, on recent changes to regulatory requirements for fire protection, detection, and extinguishing equipment used on inspected and uninspected vessels, Outer Continental Shelf facilities, deepwater ports and mobile offshore drilling units.

<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/04/03/4-3-2018-policy-letter-18-04-guidance-on-implementation-of-new-firefighting-standards/>

2. Amendment to Subchapter M policy letter on use of existing SMS to obtain initial COI

The Office of Commercial Vessel Compliance is amending its Policy Letter 17-02, "Use of Existing Safety Management Systems to Obtain an Initial Certificate of Inspection Under 46 CFR Subchapter M," to provide an equivalency to vessels using an existing safety management system to provide three years of objective evidence in lieu of having a TSMS Certificate for six months prior to issuance of a vessel's initial COI. The three years of objective evidence includes, but is not limited to, three years of external management audits for the company and is based on provisions found in 46 CFR 138.225. The company must still obtain a TSMS Certificate prior to the initial issuance of a Certificate of Inspection to any of its vessels.

<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/03/08/3-8-2018-amendment-to-subchapter-m-policy-letter-on-use-of-existing-sms-to-obtain-initial-coi/>