



Marine Safety Unit Pittsburgh Waterways Information April 2019



Allegheny River

Ninth Street Bridge (0.8): Due to planned work, the vertical clearance may be reduced more than one foot below low steel. Mariners are urged to transit with caution.

Ohio River

Wellsburg Bridge (75.5): Trestle and cofferdam installation underway. 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.

Tygart River

1-79 Twin Bridges Replacement (2.6): Pre-application stage.

Upcoming Marine Events

Date	Event	Waterway	Closure	Time
17-19 May	Garth Brooks Special Local Regulation	Ohio/Allegheny 0.0-0.8 Monongahela 0.0-0.22	Partial	4 p.m. - 3 p.m.
24-May	Pittsburgh Pirates Fireworks	Allegheny River mile 0.2-0.9	Full	8 p.m. - 11:59 p.m.

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

Marine Event Applications in review

- 21 June, 03 Aug, 23 Aug, 27 Sep - Pittsburgh Pirates - Allegheny River 0.2-0.9
- 08 June - Special Event Fireworks - Ohio River 0.0-1.0
- 07 June - 08 June - Rice’s Landing Riverfest Fireworks - Monongahela River 68-68.8
- 22 June - PUSH Beaver County FW - Ohio River 25.2-25.6
- 04 July - Chester WV Volunteer Fire Department Fireworks - Ohio River 42-44
- 16-18 August - Riverbration Boat Races at Kittanning- Allegheny River 44-45
- 12-14 September - Heritage Port Sternwheel Festival Ohio River 91
- 05-06 October - Head of the Ohio Allegheny River 0.0-3.0

Areas of Interest

1. Marine Safety Alert – Ensuring adequate maneuvering space:

The Inspections and Compliance Directorate published Marine Safety Alert 03-19, “*Have a regime when the current’s abeam: Ensure adequate maneuvering space,*” to educate mariners following three recent marine casualties that resulted in the sinking of towing vessels on the Lower Mississippi River.

<https://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2019/03/28/3-28-2019-marine-safety-alert-ensuring-adequate-maneuvering-space/>



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2. Reminder – Subchapter M certificate of inspection and marine firefighting requirements:

The Office of Commercial Vessel Compliance would like to remind the owners and operators of towing vessels that intend to participate in marine salvage or marine firefighting contingency plans and operations to note this on their Certificate of Inspections and ensure the vessel complies with the appropriate requirements for the waters on which they will operate.

<https://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2019/03/18/3-18-2019-reminder-subchapter-m-certificate-of-inspection-and-marine-firefighting-requirements/>