



# Marine Safety Unit Pittsburgh Waterways Information August 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 mid 180 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
11-Aug	Bellaire Fireworks	Ohio River mile 93.5-94.5	Full	2200-2330
17-19 Aug	Tri-Star Riverbration Kittanning	Allegheny River mile 44.0-45.0	Full	0900-2000
18-Aug	Pittsburgh Pirates Fireworks	Allegheny River mile 0.2-0.9	Full	2000-2359
19-Aug	Pittsburgh Steelers Family Fest Fireworks	Allegheny 0.0-0.25/Ohio 0.0-0.1/Monongahela 0.0-0.1	Full	1930-2300
23-Aug	Bob O'Connor Cookie Cruise	Ohio River mile 0.0-0.5	Full	2030-2200
25-Aug	Wheeling 4 <sup>th</sup> Annual Dragon Boat Race	Ohio River mile 90.4-91.5	Full	0800-1500

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



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## Marine Event Applications in review

- Crown Castle USA fireworks: 11 Sep, Allegheny 0.7-1.0
- Head of the Ohio: 6 & 7 Oct, Allegheny 0-4.5
- Wheeling Vintage Raceboat Regatta: 1 & 2 Sep, Ohio 90-91
- Southside Outside: 1 Sep, Allegheny 0-0.25, Monongahela 0-3.1
- Pittsburgh Monster Pumpkin festival: 20 Oct, Allegheny 0.3

## Areas of Interest

### **1. M/V Quaker State issued Certificate of Inspection by MSU Pittsburgh**

MSU Pittsburgh issued the first Certificate of Inspection for the Captain of the Port Pittsburgh area to the M/V QUAKER STATE on July 20, 2018.

<https://wtov9.com/news/local/local-company-first-to-step-up-boat-safety>

### **2. Do you know how to report waterway hazards?**

To keep our nation's waterways open and safe, the Coast Guard relies on the input of the maritime community to self-report hazards to navigation, such as discrepant buoys and beacons, or debris. In this post, the Navigation Center reminds all waterway users, whether professional mariners or recreational boaters, of several options to report waterway hazards.

<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/08/02/8-2-2018-do-you-know-how-to-report-waterway-hazards/>

### **3. A milestone for towing vessel safety**

A Final Rule published June 20, 2016, set July 20, 2018, as the compliance date for all towing vessels subject to Subchapter M even if the vessel does not have a Certificate of Inspection. Towing vessels have a strong record of safe operations, so while July 20, 2018 represents a beginning of a new regulatory regime, these vessels will continue to operate safely and provide a valuable service to the nation's economy.

<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/07/20/7-20-2018-a-milestone-for-towing-vessel-safety/>

### **4. TugSafe Lite is now TugSafe Central with two new sections and more links to useful information:**

*TugSafe Lite* has been expanded and retitled *TugSafe Central*. Whether you're a Coast Guard field inspector, a TPO or industry, *TugSafe Central* is an online source for Subchapter M compliance requirements and guidance. The expansion includes two new sections: *Appeals and Alternate Compliance Options* and *TPO and TSMS*. Also, new user-friendly functionality includes links to regulatory cites, links to Coast Guard guidance documents, and a link to a downloadable electronic version that is also printer-friendly

<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/07/17/07-17-2018-tugsafe-lite-is-now-tugsafe-central-with-two-new-sections-and-more-links-to-useful-information/>