



**Marine Safety Unit Pittsburgh  
Waterways Information  
August 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.

**16<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge (1.4):** Due to construction work platforms may hang below the bridge and reduce clearance however this should not affect transiting vessels. 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**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Waterway</b>	<b>Closure</b>	<b>Time</b>
8/16/2019	Riverbration Boat Races	Kittaning; Allegheny River 43.5-45.5	Full	0830-2030
8/24/2019	Wheeling 5 <sup>th</sup> Annual Dragon Boat Race	Ohio River 90.4-91.5	Full	0730-1830
8/31/2019	Wheeling Vintage Raceboat Regatta	Ohio River 90.4-91.5	Full	0730-1830

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

**Marine Event Applications in review**

- 12-14 September - Heritage Port Sternwheel Festival, Ohio River 91
- 05-06 October - Head of the Ohio, Allegheny River 0.0-3.0
- 19-29 October – Monster Pumpkin Festival,



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## Areas of Interest

### **1. Merchant Mariner Credential and Medical Certificate Extension:**

Due to a continued backlog of credential applications and increased processing time caused by the lapse in appropriations, merchant mariner credentials (MMC) and medical certificates (national endorsements only) that expire in **December 2018, January 2019, February 2019, March 2019, April 2019, May 2019, June 2019, or July 2019** are extended as valid until August 31, 2019. Mariners who are actively working on expired credentials that meet the expiration criteria must carry the expired credential with a copy of the attached letter. This extension does not change the time frame during which a credential may be renewed. A credential may be renewed at any time during its validity and for 1 year after expiration based on the expiration date printed on the credential.

<https://mariners.coastguard.blog/2019/07/02/national-maritime-center-announces-additional-credential-extensions-due-to-the-lapse-in-appropriations/>

### **2. Update to guidance for TSMS option vessels under Subchapter M:**

The Office of Commercial Vessel Compliance recently updated work instruction CVC-WI-013(3), "Towing Vessel COI Inspections under TSMS Option." Updates include but are not limited to adding annual and renewal Certificate of Inspection guidance for Towing Safety Management System (TSMS) option vessels inspected under 46 CFR Subchapter M. (See Attached)

<https://mariners.coastguard.blog/2019/07/17/update-to-guidance-for-tsms-option-vessels-under-subchapter-m/>