



Marine Safety Unit Pittsburgh Waterways Information August 2021



Ohio River

Ninth Street Bridge (90.8): Rehabilitation and painting. Vertical clearance reduced by 4 inches until Oct. 2022.

Bellaire Bridge (94.3): Demolition date to be determined.

Tygart River

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

Upcoming Marine Events

Braddock Partnership for Caring Community Fireworks: August 13, 2021; MON MM 9.8-10; 2115-2215

Bob O'Connor Cookie Cruise Fireworks: August 19, 2021; OHR MM 0-0.5; 2100-2130

Wheeling Vintage Raceboat Regatta: Septemeber 4, 2021; OHR MM 90.4-91.5; 0800-1800

Areas of Interest

- 1. Federal Register Notice: Proposed distribution of scheduled Navigation Safety Messages (Broadcast Notice to Mariners) by mobile and internet methods:** The Coast Guard announced in the [Federal Register](#) that it is seeking comments regarding phasing out the process of distributing local broadcast notice to mariners by routine VHF radio broadcasts.

In 2020, the Coast Guard began making broadcast notices to mariners containing locally relevant information accessible by mobile devices and the internet. Previously, the only way to obtain this information in a timely fashion was to tune in to local Coast Guard broadcasts that take place on very high frequency (VHF) marine radio two or more times per day. The new methods of information delivery have included Rich Site Summary, also known as Really Simple Syndication (RSS) feeds, email, and other means such as map-based filtering. The Coast Guard has received public feedback indicating that mariners prefer the real-time accessibility of mobile and internet access to this information over scheduled VHF broadcasts, because access is more timely, reliable, convenient, and customizable. Also, some mariners have reported that VHF broadcast notice to mariners are bothersome, because they are perceived as unnecessary radio clutter that can be distracting when maneuvering along a dock, in ports or other areas of congested traffic. The Coast Guard is considering phasing out the process of distributing this information by routine VHF radio broadcasts, and is seeking public comment.



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Comments must be submitted to the online docket via <https://www.regulations.gov> on or before August 16, 2021. For information about this notice, please call or email Eugene Diotalevi, Coast Guard Navigation Center; telephone: 703-313-5800; email: Eugene.j.diotalevi@uscg.mil.
<https://mariners.coastguard.blog/2021/07/08/federal-register-notice-request-for-information-on-coast-guard-programs-regulations-and-policies-for-addressing-climate-change/>

- 2. Federal Register Notice: Request for Information on Coast Guard Programs, Regulations, and Policies for Addressing Climate Change:** The Coast Guard announced in the [Federal Register](#) a request for input from the public on specific Coast Guard programs, regulations, policies, and procedures that the Coast Guard should consider changing to combat and respond to climate change.

This information will help the Coast Guard effectively achieve its missions in a manner that advances the Administration's urgent priorities of climate change mitigation, adaptation, and resilience. The Coast Guard is seeking this input to ensure that the service is implementing programs, policies, and activities that address (1) the cumulative effects of environmental damage, above all from climate change and (2) the disproportionately high, adverse climate-related impacts on disadvantaged communities, while also promoting a safe, secure, and resilient marine transportation system that facilitates commerce and secures national security interests.

Comments must be submitted to the online docket via <https://www.regulations.gov> on or before October 6, 2021. You may submit comments identified by docket number [USCG-2021-0233](#) using the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>. See the "Public Participation and Request for Comments" portion of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of the notice for further instructions on submitting comments.
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