



Marine Safety Unit Pittsburgh Waterways Information February 2022



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.

Areas of Interest

- 1. Federal Register Notice: National Boating Safety Advisory Committee; vacancies:** The U.S. Coast Guard announced in the [Federal Register](#) that it is seeking applications from persons interested in the membership on the National Boating Safety Advisory Committee (Committee) to fill two vacancies. This Committee advises the Coast Guard on matters related to national recreational boating safety.

Your completed applications should reach the U.S. Coast Guard on or before March 3, 2022.

Applications should include a cover letter expressing interest in an appointment to the National Boating Safety Advisory Committee and a resume detailing the applicant's boating experience with a brief biography. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applications should be submitted via email with subject line, "Application for NBSAC" to NBSAC@uscg.mil.

<https://mariners.coastguard.blog/2022/02/03/federal-register-notice-national-boating-safety-advisory-committee-vacancies/>

- 2. Final deadline for Subchapter M phase-in arriving in July 2022:** As we begin the New Year, towing vessel owners and operators are reminded that the deadline for 100% Subchapter M phase-in is fast approaching. No later than July 19, 2022, all towing vessels meeting the applicability criteria found in 46 CFR § 136.105 must have on board a valid Certificate of Inspection (COI) issued by the Coast Guard.

Per 46 CFR 136.202, towing vessel owners and operators are responsible for ensuring that all their towing vessels receive a Certificate of Inspection (COI) before July 19, 2022. Failure to meet vessel certification requirements may result in CG-835V deficiencies, vessel delays, civil penalties, or additional enforcement actions.

Initial certification should be scheduled with the local Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection (OCMI) at least three months in advance of the desired inspection date. Therefore, towing vessel owners and operators should schedule vessel initial inspections as soon as possible, but no later than April 20, 2022. Please note that Coast Guard attendance is required for initial certification for both the Coast Guard Option and Towing Safety Management System (TSMS) Option, as described in 46 CFR §



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136.130. Application for inspection should be made using the [CG-Form 3752](#), “Application for Inspection of a U.S. Vessel.” OCMI contact information can be found on the [Marine Inspectors Contact List](#) on the CVC-1 webpage. For further information, please see the Coast Guard’s Towing Vessel National Center of Expertise ([TVNCOE](#)) [website](#).

<https://mariners.coastguard.blog/2022/01/31/final-deadline-for-subchapter-m-phase-in-arriving-in-july-2022/>

- 3. Federal Register Notice: User fees for inspected towing vessels:** The Coast Guard announced in the Federal Register that it is proposing to update its user fees for seagoing towing vessels that are 300 gross tons or more and to revise user fees for other inspected towing vessels. The Coast Guard is proposing these updates because we are required to establish and maintain a fair fee for our vessel inspection services and to separate the fees for inspection options that involve third-party auditors and surveyors from inspection options that do not involve third parties. Under this proposed rule, vessels using the Alternate Compliance Program, Streamlined Inspection Program, or the Towing Safety Management System options would pay a lower fee than vessels that use the traditional Coast Guard inspection option.

You may submit comments identified by docket number USCG-2018-0538 using the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Comments and related material must be received by the Coast Guard on or before April 11, 2022.

For information about this document call or email Mr. Scott Kuhaneck, Coast Guard; telephone 202-372-1221, email Thomas.S.Kuhaneck@uscg.mil.

<https://mariners.coastguard.blog/2022/01/11/federal-register-notice-user-fees-for-inspected-towing-vessels/>