



Marine Safety Unit Pittsburgh Waterways Information July 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
28-Jul-18	Pittsburgh Pirates Fireworks	Allegheny River mile 0.2-0.9	Full	2000-2359
28-Jul-18	Upper Ohio Valley Italian Festival Fireworks	Ohio River mile 90-90.5	Full	2100-2230
18-Aug-18	Pittsburgh Pirates Fireworks	Allegheny River mile 0.2-0.9	Full	2000-2359
19-Aug-18	Pittsburgh Steelers fireworks	All 0.0-0.25/Mon 0.0-0.1/Ohio 0.0-0.1	Full	1900-2300

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

Marine Event Applications in review

- 03-05 August 18- Pittsburgh Regatta
- 04 August 18- Chippawa Lake water ski team show, Fairmont, WV
 - 17-19 August 18- Tri-star Riverbration, Kittanning, PA



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Areas of Interest

1. Towing Vessel Subchapter M FAQs:

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- a. Since there is a COI phase-in period; is it true that Subchapter M only applies to vessels with COIs and the rest of my fleet remains subject to Subchapter C until they have a COI?
 - i. **FALSE.** On July 20th 2018, all Towing vessels that meet the applicability of 46 CFR 136.105 shall comply with Subchapter M whether they have a COI or not. Vessels that are found, in any situation, to have safety violations will be issued a CG-835 requiring the vessel to meet the standards outlined in Subchapter M.
- b. I own a “Harbor-assist Towing Vessel” or “Barge Fleet Management Towing Vessel”, can my vessel be considered “a workboat operating exclusively within a worksite and performing intermittent towing within a worksite” (46 CFR 136.105(a)(3)); and therefore exempt from Subchapter M?
 - i. **NO.** A worksite as defined in 46 CFR 136.110 is a area specified by the cognizant OCMI within which workboats are operated over short distances for moving equipment in support of dredging, construction, maintenance, or repair work. This definition does not include the movement of barges carrying oil or hazardous material in bulk.
- c. My towing vessel is used solely within a limited geographic area, can I be exempt from Subchapter M?
 - i. **NO.** Vessels that are solely used within a limited geographic area may only request in writing to be a “Excepted Vessel”, meaning the vessel is subject to Subchapter M, but excepted from certain provisions contained within the subchapter.

2. Is your Automated Identification System ready for Subchapter M?

Subchapter M regulations bring numerous new requirements to the towing community. Vessel operators will be required to adhere to these new regulations in addition to the existing regulation for all AIS users, the AIS Carriage Requirement found in 33 CFR 164.46d(2). It requires vessel AIS to be maintained in effective operating conditions, which includes the broadcast of a properly assigned MMSI and all other AIS data fields.

<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/07/03/7-3-2018-is-your-automated-identification-system-ready-for-subchapter-m/>

3. Collecting information for Subchapter M certificates of inspection

As of June 25, 2018, the Coast Guard has issued 22 certificates of inspection (COI) to towing vessels in both the Atlantic and Pacific areas of operation. Additional inspections are scheduled between now and July 20, 2018, when Subchapter M is fully implemented.

<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/07/02/7-2-2018-collecting-information-for-subchapter-m-certificates-of-inspection/>

4. Changes to Inland Navigation Rules

The National Maritime Center posted a bulletin to its website to ensure that mariners and training providers are aware of changes to the Code of Federal Regulations, 33 CFR Subchapter E – Inland Navigation Rules. This change, advertised in the Federal Register, Volume 83, Number 16, on January 24, 2018, removed the word “danger” from rule 34.

<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/06/21/6-21-2018-changes-to-inland-navigation-rules/>



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5. Marine Safety Alert- A PFD that's unwearable makes an emergency situation worse

The Office of Investigations and Casualty Analysis released Marine Safety Alert 11-18 to raise awareness of potentially dangerous circumstance involving Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs). During several inspections involving different vessels, Coast Guard personnel discovered a significant number (>100) of unwearable type 1 PFDs that would have presented a problem for users if needed in an emergency. Owners and operators are reminded that regulations require PFDs onboard vessels to be wearable and in serviceable condition.

<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/06/19/6-19-2018-marine-safety-alert-a-pfd-thats-unwearable-makes-an-emergency-situation-worse/>

6. Temporary Aids to Navigation – Allegheny River

The following temporary Aids to Navigation have been established on the Allegheny River:

A. RED BUOYS

1. MM 45.1
2. MM 44.8
3. MM 44.7
4. MM 44.3
5. MM 43.7
6. MM 40.7
7. MM 40.4
8. MM 40.1

B. GREEN BUOYS

1. MM 43.7
2. MM 39.7
3. MM 39.4
4. MM 38.6



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Three Rivers Regatta River Closures and Openings

Day	Closure	Opening	Event	Notes
3-Aug-18	1200- 1400		Powerboats	Full Closure
3-Aug-18		1400-1430	Jet Ski Stunts	River Open
3-Aug-18	1430-1730		Powerboats	Full Closure
3-Aug-18		1730-2200		River Open
3-Aug-18	1730-1800		Jet Ski Stunts	River open
3-Aug-18	1830-1900		Jet Ski Stunts	River open
3-Aug-18	1930-2000		Jet Ski Stunts	River open
4-Aug-18	1200- 1400		Powerboats	Full Closure
4-Aug-18		1400-1430	Jetski Stunts	River Open
4-Aug-18	1430-1700		Powerboats	Full Closure
4-Aug-18		1700-1730	Jet Ski Stunts	River Open
4-Aug-18	1730-1830		Alcosan Anything That Floats Race	Partial River closure 350' from shore
4-Aug-18		1830-2130		River Open
4-Aug-18	1830-1900		Jetski Stunts	River Open
4-Aug-18	1930-2000		Jetski Stunts	River Open
4-Aug-18	2030-2100		Jetski Stunts	River Open
4-Aug-18	2130-22:00		Fireworks	Full River Closure
5-Aug-18	1200-1500		Kayak Races	Partial Closure 350' from shore
5-Aug-18		1500-1700		River Open
5-Aug-18	1530-1600		Jet Ski Stunt	River Open
5-Aug-18	1630-1700		Jet Ski Stunt	River Open
5-Aug-18	1700-1900		Powerboat Finals	Full closure

