



Marine Safety Unit Pittsburgh
Waterways Information
March 2020



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. Estimated completion is August of 2020.

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.

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

Date	Event	Waterway	Closure	Time
3/2/20 – 3/20/20	Mitchell Power Plant line pull	Monongahela River MM 28-30	Full	0700-1700

Areas of Interest

- Towing Vessel National Center Of Expertise Now Offering Customizable Subchapter M Training Programs:** The [Towing Vessel National Center of Expertise](#) launched a new [training hub](#) that allows industry compliance officers or operators, Third Party Organization representatives, and Coast Guard marine inspectors to request customizable, in-person Subchapter M training sessions that are based on the latest policy and Coast Guard perspective on the selected topics. Following are the training modules offered: Introduction to TVNCOE staff and focus, Understanding a Certificate of Inspection (COI), Dry-Dock (Part 137), TSMS (Part 138), Operations (Part 140), Manning and watch Keeping (Parts 15 and 140), Standards for Training, Certification, & Watch Keeping (STCW), Lifesaving (Part 141), Fire Protection (Part 142), Engineering (Part 143), Construction (Part 144), TugSafe and TugSafe Central.

For those needing more advanced or specific training beyond what is outlined in the module descriptions above, please clearly state in the “Additional Information” section of the “[ITV Training Request](#)” and TVNCOE will do its best to accommodate. Unless otherwise arranged, the TVNCOE will hold this training at the NCOE training facility in Paducah, Kentucky. For more information, visit TVNCOE’s [website](#) or contact Mr. Steven Douglass at 270-444-7715, ext. 205 or steven.t.douglass@uscg.mil.
<https://mariners.coastguard.blog/2020/02/24/towing-vessel-natl-center-of-expertise-now-offering-customizable-subchapter-m-training-programs/>

- Subchapter M Enforcement Posture For COI Phase In Requirements:** The [Office of Commercial Vessel Compliance](#) announced the publication of [CG-CVC Policy Letter 20-01](#), “*Subchapter M*”



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Enforcement Posture for Certificate of Inspection (COI) Phase-In Requirements,” dated February 20, 2020.

This policy letter provides guidance regarding the enforcement posture for towing vessels’ COI phase-in requirements within 46 CFR §136.202. As of July 20, 2018, towing vessels subject to inspection under 46 CFR Subchapter M must be in compliance with the requirements of the subchapter, even if the vessel has not yet received a Coast Guard-issued COI. With each subsequent scheduled phase-in date, regardless of inspection option chosen, companies with vessels selected in accordance with this policy that have not been issued a COI in accordance with the regulations, will be issued a Coast Guard Form CG-835V, for non-compliance.

<https://mariners.coastguard.blog/2020/02/21/subchapter-m-enforcement-posture-for-coi-phase-in-requirements/>

3. Navigation Center Invites Maritime Public To Participate In Marine Weather Information

Survey: The Coast Guard and the National Weather Service are conducting a survey of the maritime public in order gain a better understanding of the current use of Marine Weather Information, and to determine the level of interest in potential future products and dissemination methods. The maritime public is invited to participate in the survey, which can be accessed using the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/R96SFPPF>. For more information or to submit questions about this notice, contact Jim Radice at the Navigation Center at James.T.Radice@uscg.mil or (703) 313-5860. <https://mariners.coastguard.blog/2020/02/20/navigation-center-invites-maritime-public-to-participate-in-marine-weather-information-survey/>