



**Marine Safety Unit Pittsburgh
Waterways Information
May 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.

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

Date	Event	Waterway	Closure	Time
17-19 May	Garth Brooks Special Local Regulation	Ohio/Allegheny 0.0-0.8, Monongahela 0.0-0.22	Partial	4 p.m. - 3 p.m.
24-May	Pittsburgh Pirates Fireworks	Allegheny River mile 0.2-0.9	Full	8 p.m. - 11:59 p.m.

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

Marine Event Applications in review

- 08 June - Special Event Fireworks - Ohio River 0.0-1.0
- 07 June - 08 June - Rice's Landing Riverfest Fireworks - Monongahela River 68-68.8
- 22 June - PUSH Beaver County FW - Ohio River 25.2-25.6
- 04 July - Chester WV Volunteer Fire Department Fireworks - Ohio River 42-44
- 04 July - Wheeling Symphony 4th of July Fireworks - Ohio River 90-92
- 27 July - Upper Ohio Valley Italian Heritage Festival FW- Ohio 90.0-90.5
- 16-18 August - Riverbration Boat Races at Kittanning- Allegheny River 44-45
- 24 August - Wheeling 5th annual dragon boat race- Ohio 90.4-91.5
- 31 August - Wheeling Vintage Raceboat Regatta -Ohio River 90.5
- 12-14 September - Heritage Port Sternwheel Festival Ohio River 91
- 05-06 October - Head of the Ohio Allegheny River 0.0-3.0



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Areas of Interest



1. Subchapter M – Only a few days left to schedule inspections to meet July 22, 2019 compliance requirements:

As of July 20, 2018, towing vessel owners and operators are responsible for ensuring that their vessels comply with the provisions of 46 CFR Subchapter M, even if they have not received a Certificate of Inspection (COI). Additionally, in accordance with 46 CFR 136.202, owners and operators are responsible for ensuring that 25 percent of their fleet has received a COI **before July 22, 2019**.

<https://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2019/04/18/4-18-2019-subchapter-m-only-a-few-days-left-to-schedule-inspections-to-meet-july-22-2019-compliance-requirements/>

2. Marine Safety Alert – Confined Spaces: Silent & Invisible Killers:

The Inspections and Compliance Directorate issued Marine Safety Alert 04-19, “*Confined Spaces: Silent & Invisible Killers*” to remind mariners that despite decades of work to improve confined space entry by maritime safety organizations, training institutions, and vessel owners/operators, the risks have not been eliminated. This is illustrated by a recent casualty where three persons were asphyxiated while working onboard a laid-up Mobile Offshore Drilling Unit (MODU). Although the investigation is not yet complete, the following information is being conveyed with the continued hope that it will highlight this hazard with the aim to prevent recurrence.

<https://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2019/04/17/4-17-2019-marine-safety-alert-confined-spaces-silent-invisible-killers/>

3. Recognized auditor/assessor courses:

The Towing Vessel National Center of Expertise posted a notice on its website that the Third-Party Organization webpage has been updated to reflect current auditor/assessor courses recognized by the Coast Guard as equivalent to an ANSI/ISO/ASQ Q9001-2000 or ISO 9001:2008(E) lead auditor/assessor course for the purposes of 46 CFR 138.310(d)(2) and 46 CFR 139.130(b)(3).

<https://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2019/04/10/4-10-2019-recognized-auditor-assessor-courses/>