



**Marine Safety Unit Pittsburgh
Waterways Information
November 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.

16th Street Bridge (1.4): 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
11/11/19 – 12/11/19	Kent/AEP Powerline Pull	Ohio River 103-105	Full	0700-1730
11/22/19	Wizard of Ah's	Ohio, Monongahela, Allegheny River 0.0-0.25	Full	1845-2000

Areas of Interest

1. Changes to Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circulars:

The Office of Merchant Mariner Credentialing published changes to five Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circulars (NVICs) concerning qualification for certain Merchant Mariner Credential Standards of Training, Certification, and Watch keeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended (STCW) endorsements.

As previously announced Sept. 20, 2019, NVICs04-14, 08-14, and 09-14 were revised to provide guidance on renewal of STCW endorsements for Proficiency in Survival Craft, Proficiency in Survival Craft-Limited, Basic Training, and Advanced Firefighting for mariners serving on vessels in a reduced operating status and on other vessels in operation that do not get underway.

NVIC 12-14 (Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch 500 Gross Tons or More) was revised to remove grandfathering provisions that expired on January 1, 2017, and to add an explanation of the requirement in 46 CFR 11.201(a) to hold an appropriate national endorsement in order to qualify for an STCW endorsement.



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NVIC 14-14 (Able Seafarer-Deck) was revised to allow assessments of competence to be performed in locations other than a ship when the use of shipboard equipment is not needed for the assessment, and to add greater flexibility as to how the assessment may be performed. Visit the Coast Guard's NVIC webpage to view the revised NVICs.

For information about these NVICs or to suggest changes, contact the Mariner Credentialing Program Policy Division (CG-MMC-2) at (202) 372-2357 or MMCPolicy@uscg.mil.
<https://mariners.coastguard.blog/2019/10/21/changes-to-navigation-and-vessel-inspection-circulars/>

2. Updated Subchapter M FAQs now available:

The Subchapter M [FAQ page](#) has been updated to reflect current policy and guidance for implementation of 46 CFR Subchapter M. To access the full library of FAQs regarding Subchapter M, visit the Towing Vessel National Center of Expertise's [website](#). The FAQs are updated as of September 20, 2019 and a compilation of those changes can be viewed at the url below.
<https://mariners.coastguard.blog/2019/09/25/updated-subchapter-m-faqs-now-available/>