



Marine Safety Unit Pittsburgh Waterways Information June 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
16-June	TriState Pottery Festival	Ohio River mile 43.5-42.5	Full	9:30 pm-10:45 pm
22-June	Pittsburgh Pirates Fireworks	Allegheny River mile 0.2-0.8	Full	8 p.m.-11:59 p.m.
29-June-01July	Luke Bryan concert	Ohio/Allegheny/Monongahela Rivers – West End – 9 th Street – Ft Pitt Bridges	SLR	3 pm -12 pm
04 July	Celebrate America Pittsburgh Fireworks	Ohio/Monongahela/Allegheny Rivers miles 0.0-0.25	Full	8 pm – 10:30 pm
04 July	Wheeling Symphony Fireworks	Ohio River mile 90.0-92.0	Full	9 pm- 10:30 pm
04 July	City of Wellsburg Fireworks	Ohio River mile 73.5-74.5	Full	9:30 pm- 11 pm
04 July	Monongahela 4 th of July fireworks	Monongahela River mile 32-33	Full	8:30 pm-10:30 pm

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



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Marine Event Applications in review

- 24 June - Blessing of the Fleet – near Point State Park

Areas of Interest

1. Updated Subchapter M FAQ's now available

The Towing Vessel National Center of Expertise recently published the latest additions and updates to the Frequently Asked Questions regarding Subchapter M, inspected towing vessels. As a convenience for our readers, in this post Maritime Commons is providing a compilation of those changes. To access the full library of FAQs regarding Subchapter M, visit TVNCOE's website.

<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/05/23/5-23-2018-updated-subchapter-m-faqs-now-available/>

2. Towing Vessel National Center of Expertise adds Tugsafe "Lite" to suite of Subchapter M job aids

The Coast Guard released the Inspected Towing Vessel Decision Aid, also known as TugSafe, in December 2017. TugSafe is designed to streamline and maximize efficiency of the Subchapter M inspection process by providing no guesswork inspections by dynamically generating a customized inspection checklist specific to a given towing vessel. TugSafe helps the Coast Guard reduce inspection preparation time and virtually eliminate errors in the application of regulations. TugSafe can also be used by the towing vessel industry or third party organizations to proactively identify and resolve issues prior to a Coast Guard inspection to reduce vessel downtime while completing the inspection process.

<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/05/08/5-8-2018-towing-vessel-national-center-of-expertise-adds-tugsafe-lite-to-suite-of-subchapter-m-job-aids/>