



# Marine Safety Unit Pittsburgh Waterways Information



## Allegheny River

**Oakmont Bridge (12.81):** Demolition of the old bridge is being scheduled for this coming winter (2015-2016). District 8 Bridge Branch is in discussion with PennDOT and should soon be receiving a demolition proposal. New bridge is open to land traffic. Demolition for old bridge will involve an approximate 24 hour closure of the Allegheny River.

## Ohio River

**Proposed New Bridge (75.5):** Pre-application stage. The new bridge will provide a minimum of 800 feet of horizontal clearance.

**Bellaire Bridge (94.3):** Demolition plans have been approved. Demolition date to be determined.

## Monongahela River

**Birmingham Bridge (2.3):** An access platform, due to construction, has temporarily reduced bridge's vertical clearance by 4 ft.



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### Upcoming Marine Events

Start Date	End Date	Event	Waterway	Closure	Time
20-Nov	20-Nov	55 <sup>th</sup> Annual Light Up Night	Allegheny River 0.0-1.0	Full	2100-2330
20-Nov	20-Nov	Pittsburgh Santa Spectacular	All 0-0.25, Ohio 0-0.3, Mon 0-0.22	Full	2000-2115
12-Dec	12-Dec	Pittsburgh Polar Plunge	Allegheny River 0.0-0.25 RDB	None	1300-1400

### Items of Interest

#### ***Subchapter M Implementation:***

The official release date of Subchapter M is currently March of 2016. Please plan accordingly to ensure an easy transition into compliance once the new regulations are established. For any questions or concerns on this topic, please feel free to contact MSU Pittsburgh at 412-221-0807.

#### **Liberty Street Bridge Rehab:**

Please note that we are aware of several concerns regarding the proposed plan to affect repairs to the Liberty Street Bridge and how this would inhibit the safe transit of commerce through the vicinity. The Coast Guard Bridge Branch in St. Louis is currently reviewing this application and has yet to receive a work plan from the owner. Until Bridge Branch receives work plan, there will be no further discussion of processing/approval. The Coast Guard will keep the Waterways Association of Pittsburgh notified of any updates regarding this proposal.

#### **Comment Period for D8 DWB 864 (Port Perry Bridge):**

The USACE has requested that the USCG revisit the clearance guidelines for vertical clearance guidelines along the Monongahela River. The current minimum clearance is 42.6 feet (Smithfield Street Bridge). A determination must be made as to whether 40.6 feet of vertical clearance would be an unreasonable clearance for safe and efficient commercial transit. A comment period is currently underway until November 30, 2015. Please consider providing input.