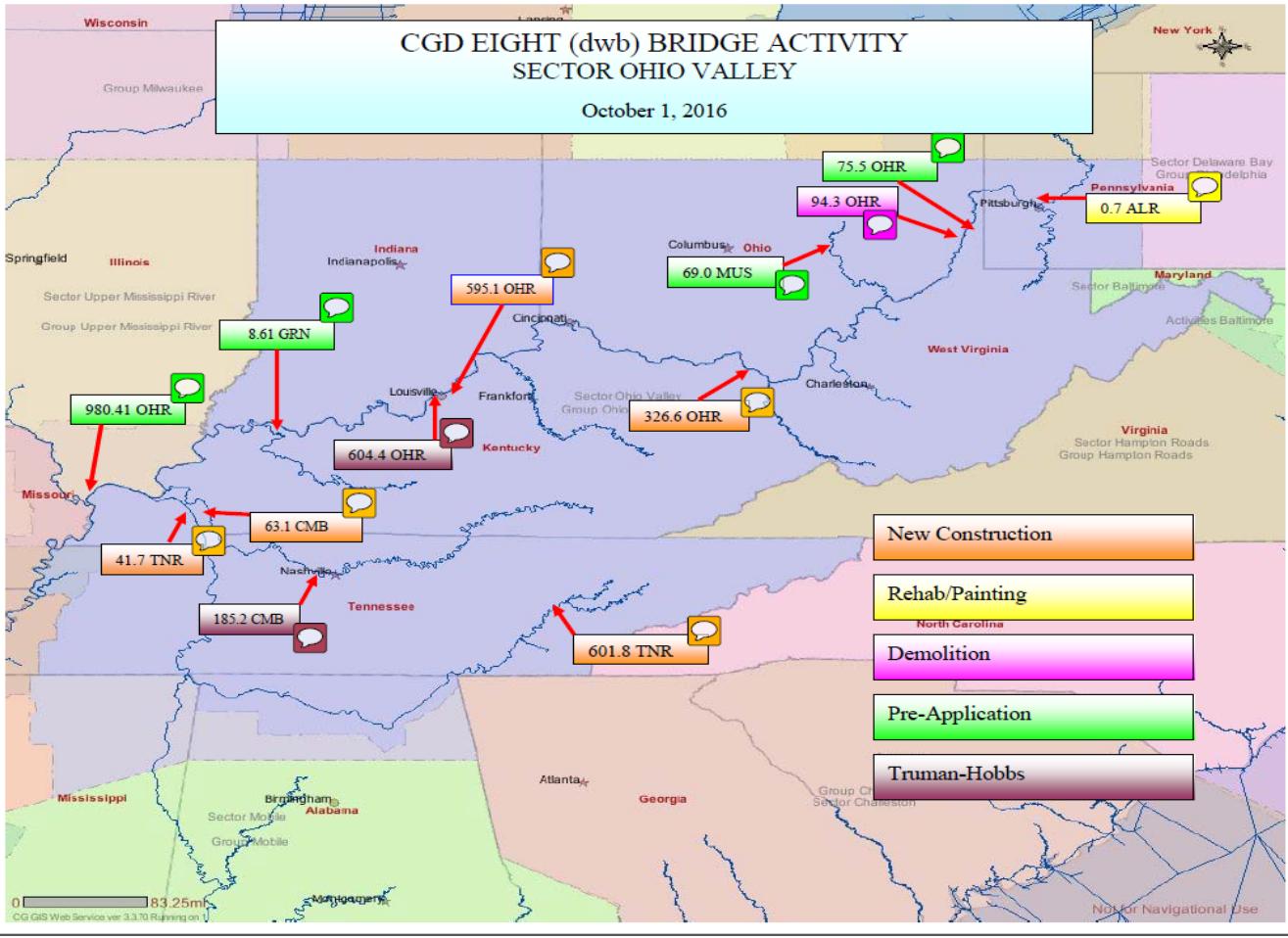




Marine Safety Unit Pittsburgh Waterways Information



November 2016



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.

***NOTE:** The rope has been removed from the center of the bridge.



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Monongahela River

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

Start Date	End Date	Event	Waterway	Closure	Time
18-NOV-16	18-NOV-16	Pittsburgh Light Up Night	Allegheny mile 0.0-0.25	Full	2030-2330
18-NOV-16	18-NOV-16	Santa Spectacular	Monongahela 0.0-0.1, Ohio 0.0-0.2, Allegheny 0.0-0.1	Full	2000-2115

Areas of Interest

1. Safety Alert 16-16: Be Alarmed By All Alarms – Correct Steering Gear & Other Nuisance Alarms Immediately!

Recently in the Pacific North West, Coast Guard marine inspectors experienced two different circumstances involving the alarm and control system of Mitsubishi Heavy Industries steering gears onboard relatively new vessels. Although neither event resulted in a marine casualty, they serve as a reminder to the potentially dangerous results that may occur when an alarm system is deliberately ignored. A false sense of operational safety develops when crewmembers continually silence what they consider to be a “nuisance alarm,” enabling a false perception of normalcy to develop.

2. New Coast Guard 2692 for Reporting Marine Casualties

On July 1, 2016 the newly revised CG-2692 forms were made available on the Coast Guard's HOMEPORT website under the investigations mission area. <https://homeport.uscg.mil>

The new version of the form encompasses several changes, including, but not limited to: Revised addendum forms for barge involvement, personnel casualties, witnesses and chemical testing; streamlined data fields to align with statutory and regulatory language; and ability to be filled out entirely electronically, including the use of a digital signature.

While the new forms are available for voluntary use right now, please note that they are required for use following reportable marine casualties effective January 1, 2017 per 5 CFR 1320.5.

3. Suspension of e-billing/e-renewal program for Certificate of Documentation renewals

The Coast Guard National Vessel Documentation Center (NVDC) issued a notice announcing the temporary suspension of the automated e-billing/e-renewal program for Certificate of Documentation (COD) renewals issued by the NVDC. The Coast Guard will consider reconstituting this program when resources become available. NVDC will continue to issue and mail pre-printed CG-1280 Application for Renewal forms to customers approximately 60 days prior to the expiration date of the COD via United States Postal Service (USPS).