



Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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UPDATED SECTOR DELAWARE BAY NAVIGATION SAFETY EQUIPMENT DEVIATION REQUEST FORM


In an effort to improve response times and align with other Captain of the Port (COTP) zones, an updated Sector Delaware Bay Navigation Safety Equipment Deviation Request form, otherwise known as a Letter of Deviation request, is being released for use within the Delaware Bay COTP zone. Mariners are asked to use this updated form when requesting a deviation from navigation safety equipment requirements, per 33 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §164.55. As a reminder, making such a request does not relieve the vessel of the requirement to report inoperable equipment on a Notice of Arrival per 33 CFR §160.206.

Vessel masters or representatives should complete Section I (Vessel Information) and Section II (Deficiency Description) on the Sector Delaware Bay Navigation Safety Equipment Deviation Request form. Requests for both an inbound and outbound transit are permitted on the same form. Submit the form and any applicable Flag State dispensation letter or technician report to the Sector Delaware Bay Port State Control Branch. Upon review, Sector Delaware Bay Port State Control Branch will complete Section III and issue the document back to the vessel making the request. Section III details restrictions and requirements placed on the vessel during its transit within the Delaware Bay COTP zone. Following repair of the inoperable equipment, the restrictions will be lifted in writing on the Sector Delaware Bay Navigation Safety Equipment Deviation Request form.

A copy of the new form is attached to this Marine Safety Information Bulletin (MSIB).

If you have any questions regarding the contents of this bulletin or to submit a request, please contact the Sector Delaware Bay Port State Control Branch at (215) 271-4887 or SecDelBay.PortState@uscg.mil.

J. D. Theel
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard
Captain of the Port, Delaware Bay

U.S. Department of Homeland Security United States Coast Guard		Sector Delaware Bay Navigation Safety Equipment Deviation Request	Submit form and documentation to: SecDelBay.PortState@uscg.mil SecDelBayCC@uscg.mil
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USCG Sector Delaware Bay Contact Information			
Sector Command Center:	(215) 271-4807	SecDelBayCC@uscg.mil	Available 24 hours
Vessel Duty Officer:	(215) 271-4887	SecDelBay.PortState@uscg.mil	Available during business hours

Section I–Vessel Information (Completed by Vessel or Agent)

Vessel Name:	Type of Transit: <input type="checkbox"/> Inbound <input type="checkbox"/> Outbound	Request Date:	
Classification Society:		IMO Number:	
Flag State:		Gross Tonnage (ITC):	
Ship Type:		Destination or Terminal:	
Vessel Master Name:		ETA/ETD:	
Agent Name:		Contact Phone/Email:	

Section II–Deficiency Description (Completed by Vessel or Agent)

Automatic Identification System (AIS) – 33 CFR 164.46	Rudder Angle Indicator – 33 CFR 164.35(f)
(AIS) Pilot Plug – 33 CFR 164.46(g)	RPM/Pitch Indicator – 33 CFR 164.35(l) & (m)
Automatic Radar Plotting Aid (ARPA) – 33 CFR 164.38(b)	Speed/Distance Indicator Device – 33 CFR 164.40
Echo Depth Sounder or Recorder – 33 CFR 164.35(h) & (i)	Rate of turn indicator – 33 CFR 164.42
Electronic Position Fixing Device – 33 CFR 164.41	Primary Marine Radar – 33 CFR 164.35(a)
Gyrocompass (and/or repeater) – 33 CFR 164.35(d) & (e)	Secondary Marine Radar – 33 CFR 164.37
Magnetic Compass – 33 CFR 164.35(b) & (c)	Other:

Is the vessel currently equipped with alternate or duplicate equipment that satisfies the function of the inoperable equipment listed? Yes No If yes, explain. _____

Does the vessel have Flag State or Classification Society dispensation? Yes No If yes, attach to this request form.

Section III–Vessel Restrictions and Required Actions (Completed by U.S. Coast Guard)

*Under the provisions of 33 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 164.55, the Captain of the Port (COTP) Delaware Bay hereby acknowledges your request for deviation from the requirements of 33 CFR 164 for the equipment identified above. This deviation applies to **ONE TRANSIT** only, as indicated below, for the destination designated. Vessels are not automatically granted an outbound deviation. Departure may be delayed under COTP authority pursuant to 33 CFR 160.111 until the noted equipment has been repaired and the vessel is in compliance with 33 CFR 164. Vessels shall follow the marked restrictions at all times. If unable to do so, immediately notify the COTP. The navigational watch and attending Pilot must be notified of the inoperable equipment. Additional requirements may be placed on the vessel by the attending Pilot.*

The following restrictions are placed on the vessel in the Delaware Bay COTP Zone:

1. The inoperable equipment shall be blanked out to prevent inadvertent use.
2. One additional licensed deck officer shall be available, on request of the pilot, to maintain a manual plot of all radar targets.
3. The vessel’s mean draft shall NOT exceed 37 feet (11.3 meters).
4. Vessel must have an operable magnetic compass & current deviation table. Use of auto pilot with gyrocompass inputs prohibited.
5. Vessel must have an alternate means to determine speed.
6. Vessel transit must be made with visibility of two nautical miles (NM) or greater, in addition to favorable visibility reports over the intended route. If visibility decreases below two nautical miles, vessel shall anchor at first available safe anchorage & contact this office.
7. Must have a lookout positioned on the forecandle and stern with means to communicate with the bridge.
8. Daylight hour transit only.
9. Repair of inoperable equipment and a copy of the report attesting to proper operation must be accepted prior to vessel transit north of:

A. Big Stone Anchorage	B. Delair Memorial Railroad Bridge
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- Other:

Your request for Deviation is hereby:	Granted Inbound	Granted Outbound	Denied
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Prior to departure, a copy of the report from a Technician or Certifying Authority attesting to the equipment’s proper operation must be sent to this office. If accepted by this office, a lifted copy of this form will be issued. Inbound restrictions remain in effect until lifted by this office in writing. When outbound restrictions are imposed, they are lifted upon the vessel’s departure from the COTP Zone. However, until the discrepancy is corrected, vessels are required by 33 CFR 164.53(b) to notify other USCG Captain of the Port offices of inoperable equipment prior to entering and transiting through those zones. You may contact Sector Delaware Bay with any questions or concerns.

COTP Signature (Sign, Date/Time):	COTP Deviation Lifted (Sign, Date/Time):
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