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**MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN**

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**Marcus Hook Anchorage Safety Zone**

The US Coast Guard has established a safety zone around the Dredge ESSEX while it operates within the southern portion Marcus Hook Range. The safety zone remains in effect until further notice (33CFR165.555).

During this time period vessel traffic will be rerouted through the lower portion of the anchorage. Vessels desiring to anchor within the upriver portion of Marcus Hook Anchorage must obtain permission from the Captain of the Port at least 24 hours in advance, at (215) 271-4807 [33CFR110.157(b)(11)(i)]. The COTP will permit one vessel at a time on a "first-come, first-serve" basis. Vessels are encouraged to use Mantua Creek Anchorage (Anchorage #9) and Deepwater Point Anchorage (Anchorage #6) as alternatives.

The operator of any vessel in the safety zone shall proceed as directed by the designated representative of the Captain of the Port and shall contact the Dredge ESSEX by phone at 757-353-0455 or on channel 13 or 16 VHF for passing information. Vessels should operate at the minimum safe speed necessary to maintain steerage and reduce wake.



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