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MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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SEASONAL ICE PROCEDURES
ICE CONDITION 3

The Captain of the Port (COTP) Sector Delaware Bay is notifying mariners that Ice Condition 3 is again in effect for the Port which includes the Delaware Bay and River, the C&D Canal, Cape May Harbor and Canal, and the ICW. This means that weather conditions are favorable for the formation of ice in the navigable waters. All masters, ship agents, owners and operators of all vessels, marine facilities and marinas should review and adhere to the following procedures for the Delaware River and C&D Canal:

- When ice is present, but less than 2 inches, vessels must have a propulsion system with a minimum of adequate horsepower, and be able to maneuver un-assisted through the ice without needing to stop, back off and ram the ice.

- Vessel moorings should be checked frequently to ensure the vessel is adequately moored.

- Vessels at anchor should maintain their engines on standby at all times.

- Vessel sea chests should be checked regularly for ice buildup and precautions should be taken to ensure that the sea chests are kept clear.

- Vessels at anchor should ensure that proper bridge watches are stood at all times.

- The COTP Sector Delaware Bay may establish additional requirements for specific geographic areas of the COTP Zone if conditions warrant such restrictions.

Please refer to our internet website for additional information regarding ice operations within the Sector Delaware Bay zone at http:www.uscg.mil/d5/sectDelawarebay or by calling our Sector Delaware Bay Ice Line at (215) 271-4995.

If you have any questions regarding the contents of this bulletin or the expectations of the COTP, please contact the Waterways Management staff at (215) 271-4814 or the Situation Unit Controller at (215) 271-4807.

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