



Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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WINTER PORT CONDITION TWO

The Captain of the Port (COTP), Delaware Bay is notifying mariners that ice of appreciable thickness and coverage has formed in navigable waters of the Delaware Bay and River, Chesapeake and Delaware (C&D) Canal, Cape May Harbor and Canal, and the New Jersey Intercoastal Waterway.

All masters, ship agents, owners, and operators of all vessels, marine facilities, and marinas should review and adhere to the Seasonal Ice procedures, precautions, and/or restrictions below:

- Only steel hull vessels may enter, operate in, or transit through the waters of the Delaware River north of the Betsy Ross Bridge to Trenton, New Jersey, per 33 CFR § 165.550.
- The Chesapeake & Delaware Canal has prescribed steel hull restrictions for the C&D Canal. The Canal Project dispatcher on duty should be contacted regarding conditions and requirements for vessels using the C&D Canal at (410) 778-9707.
- Vessel sea chests should be checked regularly for ice buildup and precautions should be taken to ensure that the sea chests are kept clear.
- 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 and should ensure that proper bridge watches are stood at all times.
- Mariners are cautioned that buoys may become extinguished or dragged off station and minor lights and day beacons may become destroyed due to ice.

The COTP may set ice conditions for any safety zone listed in the regulations described in 33 CFR § 165.550, or a portion thereof, requiring vessels to meet those restrictions. Vessels must have the proper hull type and an adequate propulsion system meeting the minimum horsepower requirements imposed.

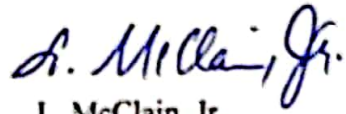
Mariners observing any ice conditions are asked to report them using the Coast Guard Sector Delaware Bay Ice Reporting Form located on the unit's homeport website. The web address is:

<https://homeport.uscg.mil/Lists/Content/DispForm.aspx?ID=64960&Source=/Lists/Content/DispForm.aspx?ID=64960>

Mariners can also report conditions to the CG Sector Delaware Bay Command Center on VHF Channel 16 or call (215) 271-4807.

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If you have any questions regarding the contents of this bulletin, please contact the Waterways Management staff at (215) 271-4889.



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