



## **Memorandum**

To: Mariners' Advisory Committee Members and Interested Parties -----  
From: Captain Drew Hodgens  
Re: Meeting Agenda – **December 12, 2024**

Your presence is requested at the Quarterly Meeting of the above-mentioned committee on **Thursday, December 12, 2024 at 1100 hours.**

### **Agenda**

#### **I Approval of Minutes** – from the September 2024 meeting

**Introduction of all in attendance**

#### **II. Reports**

- A. **Treasurer's Report** - Capt. Drew J. Hodgens
- B. **Membership Report** - Capt. Drew J. Hodgens
- C. **USCG Report** - Capt. Higgins-Bloom, USCG  
- Mr. Scott Taylor
- D. **USACE Report** - Mr. Tim Rooney, Project Manager, USACE
- E. **NOAA Reports** - Mr. Ryan Wartick, NOAA Ports Program

#### **III. Unfinished Business**

#### **IV. New Business**

#### **V. Open Discussion**

#### **VI. Adjournment**

**Next meeting: Thursday, March 13th, 2025 at 1100 hours**



## Memorandum

To: Mariners' Advisory Committee Members and Interested Parties  
From: Captain Rick Iulucci, Treasurer  
Re: Treasurer's Report for December 12, 2024

**Balance – from September 12, 2024** **\$ 13,425.98**

**Deposits** (September 2024- December 2024)

Total Deposits during the period **\$ 400.00**

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**INCOME BALANCE** **\$ 13,825.98**

**Disbursements** (September 2024 – December 2024)

Popi's Restaurant (9/17/24) **\$ 2,631.24**

Popi's Restaurant (9/24/24) **\$ 1,000.00**

Email service (G-mail- \$46.65 month, \$46.65 @ 3 months) **\$ 139.95**

Email service (Twild- \$89.95. Per month @ 3 months) **\$ 269.85**

PNC service fees (\$3.00 per month @ 3 months) **\$ 9.00**

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS** (September 2024 – December 2024) **\$ 4,050.04**

**BALANCE as of December 6, 2024,** **\$ 9,775.94**



## **Update on Security and SASH Vetting**

**Applications Processing.** The following Applications for a Merchant Mariner Credentials (MMC) are automatically referred for security review for evaluation purposes:

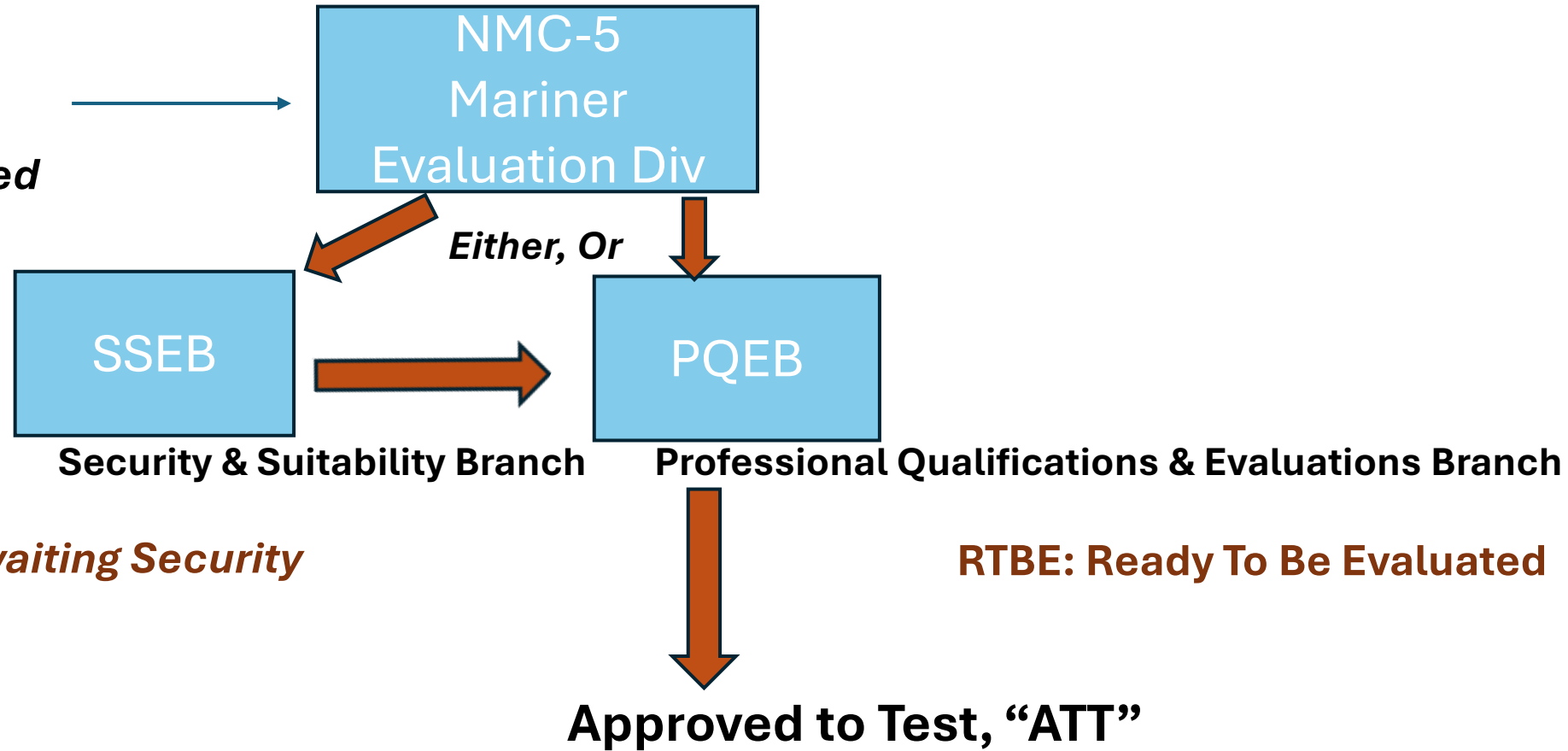
- **All Original requests for MMCs**
- **All Renewals (5 year)**
- **All Officer Raise in Grade**, ex: 3rd Mate to 2<sup>nd</sup> Mate (does not include Pilotage)

Note: this additional step automatically lengthens processing timelines 20+ days.





**Application to NMC;  
First screened and reviewed  
by NMC-1 for completion**



# USACE PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT

## MAC MEETING

MAC Meeting Presentation

Timothy J. Rooney, Project Manager

12 December 2024

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## Delaware River, Philadelphia to Sea

- Cottrell Contracting Corporation (CCC) has been awarded this year's annual maintenance dredging for Marcus Hook (MH), New Castle, Deepwater Point Ranges and MH Anchorage.
- The Dredge Lexington is currently dredging the 45ft side of the anchorage. The Lexington is scheduled to begin MH Range dredging operations in January.
- The Hopper Dredge McFarland is at the dock in Ft. Mifflin and is scheduled to dredge spot shoals beginning April 2025. Ranges dredged will be coordinated with the Delaware Pilots.



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## **Delaware River, Philadelphia to Trenton**

Bucket dredging between the Tacony-Palmyra Bridge and Newbold Island was completed by Seaward Marine of Norfolk, VA.

## **Wilmington Harbor**

The FY24 Maintenance Dredging Contract for Wilmington Harbor was awarded to Cottrell Contracting Corporation and the Dredge Rockbridge is scheduled to be onsite before the new year with dredging operations beginning early January.



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## C & D Canal

- FY24 maintenance dredging bid opening was December 11, 2024, award anticipated for January 2025. Contract will remove approximately 300,000cy of material to be placed in Pearce Creek Disposal Area.
- Reedy Point Bridge construction has started and will continue through September 2025. There are no planned channel or air gap restrictions associated with the planned activity.
- Summit Bridge construction contract was awarded to Abhe & Svoboda Inc. on December 10, 2024 for steel repairs and painting on Summit Bridge. This construction period will last 18 months and is expected to have some air gap restrictions associated with the activities. Once a contractor's workplan is approved the details of the air gap restriction will be shared with all parties.



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## Salem River Dredging with Beneficial Use of Dredged Material

- Cottrell Contracting completed dredging between Stations 3+000 and 15+500 to the authorized depth of 16 ft MLLW. All fine-grained sediment was beneficially placed in USFWS's Supawna Meadows to restore marsh.
- Government owned Dredge Murden will mobilize to the Delaware River next week to clear sand shoals from the bend each year with nearshore placement at Oakwood Beach.
- The bend and turning basin will be in next contract to be advertised in FY25.



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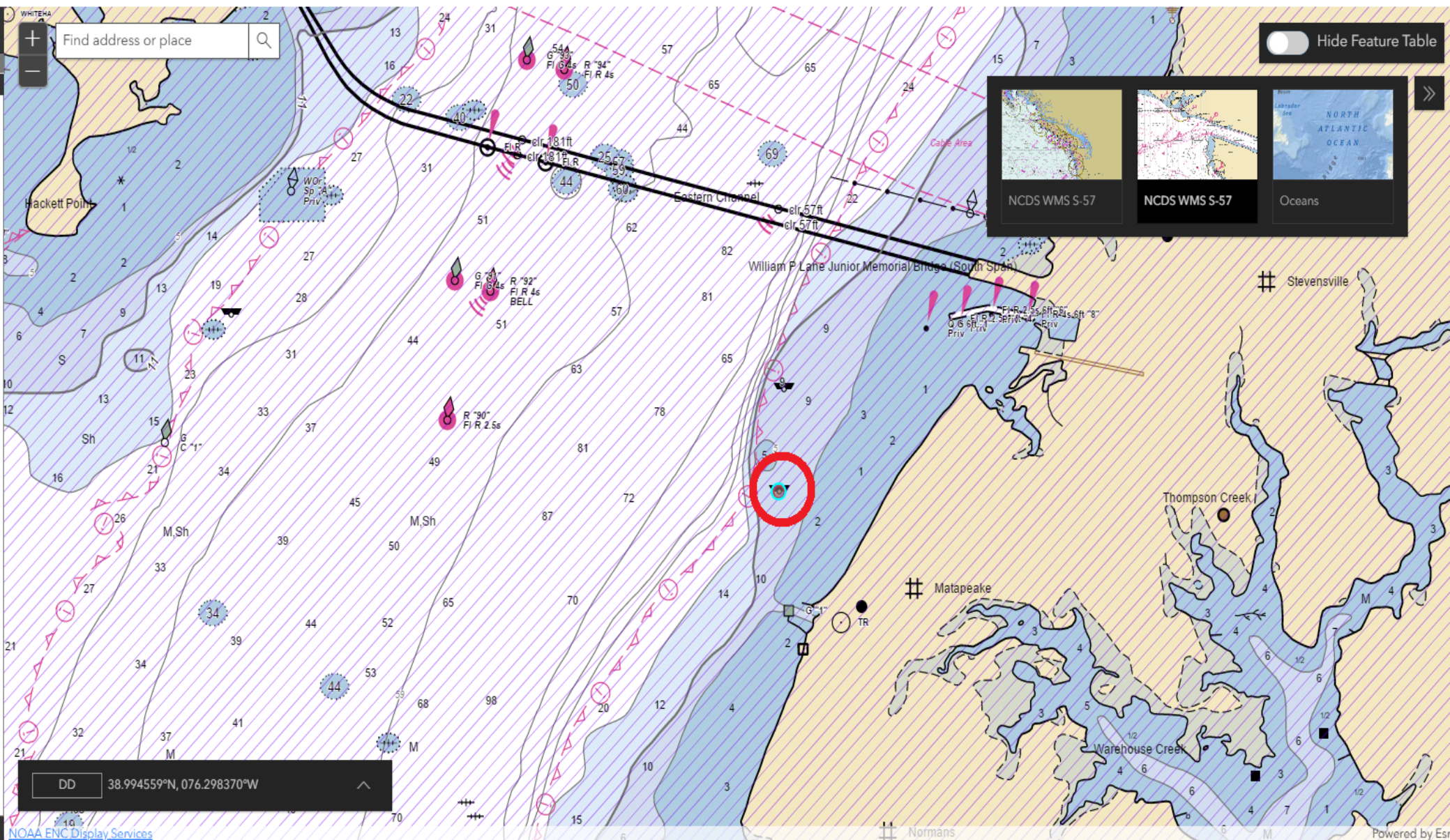
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Start Date: 11/25/2024

End Date: 12/9/2024

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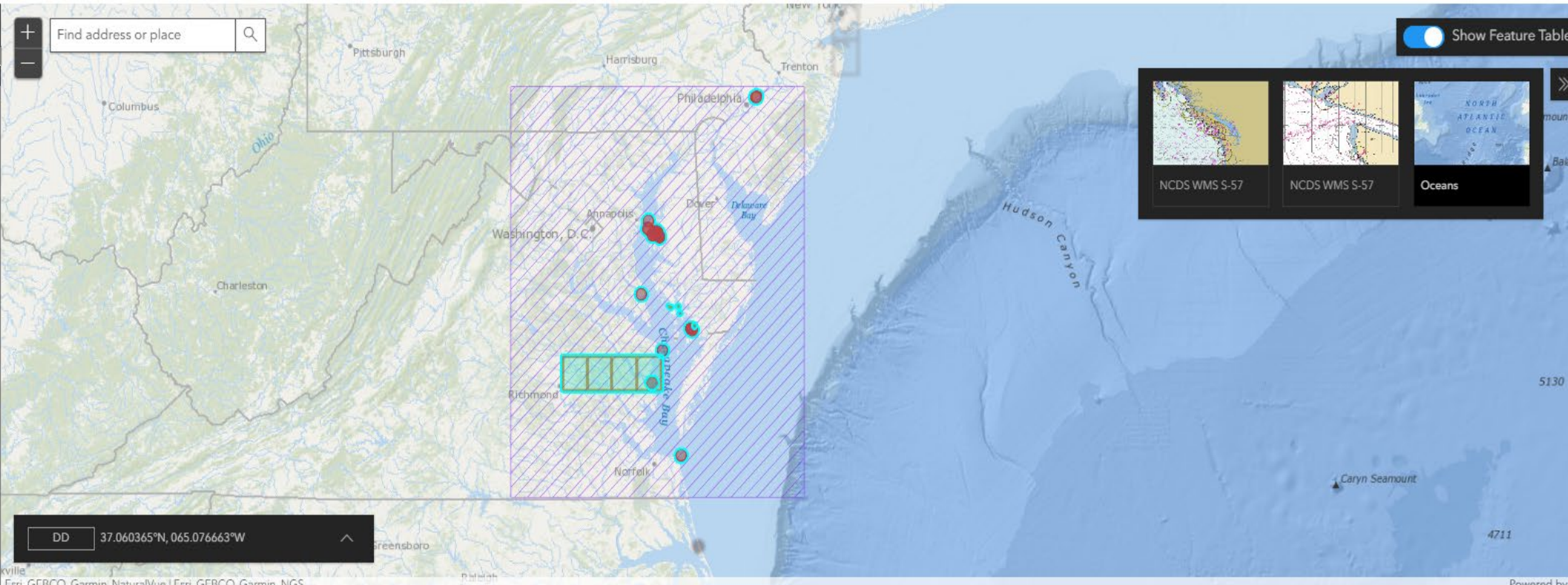
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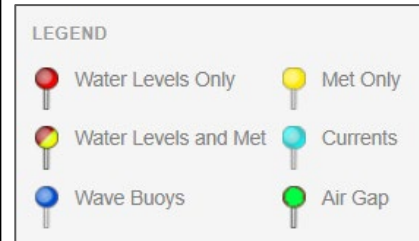
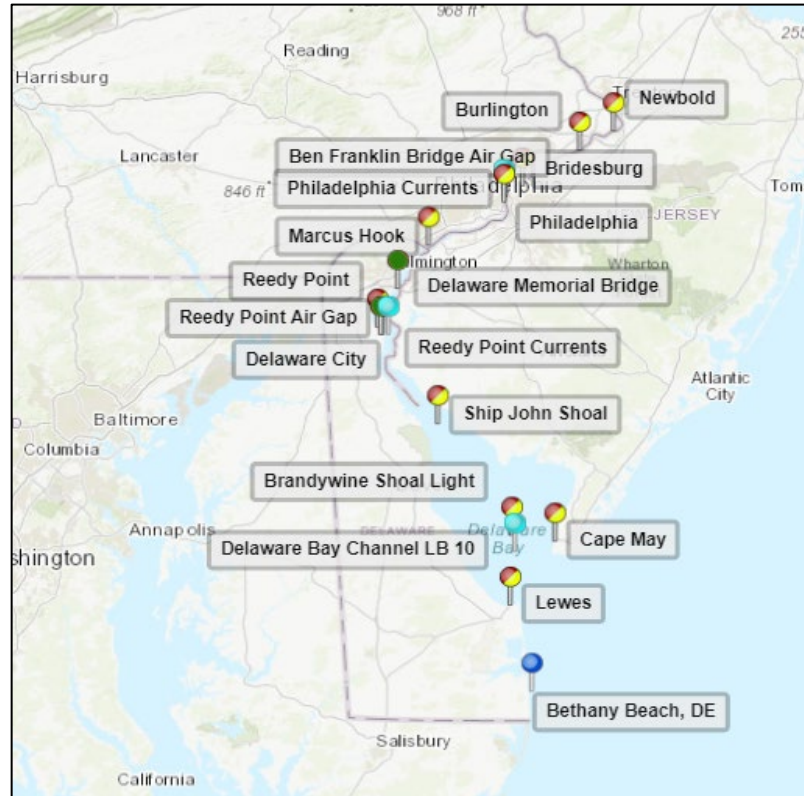




# NOAA Physical Oceanographic Real Time System (PORTS®) Updates

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Christopher DiVeglio  
NOAA PORTS Program  
December 12th, 2024



# Quarterly Sensor Statistics

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## Air gap and current meter station Instrument performance stats

09/01/2024 - 11/30/2024

- *Timeliness of data*
- *Quality of data*

Delaware Memorial Bridge Air Gap – 100%

Ben Franklin Air Gap – 100%

Reedy Point Air Gap – 88.3% (Recent fouling or obstruction of sensor) Data is OFFLINE

Chesapeake City Gap – 100%

db0301 (Philadelphia) currents – 7% (Sensor issue/ obstruction since 9/7, data has been off)

db0502 (Brown Shoal LB10) currents – 0% (equipment recovered 8/14)

***\*\*NOAA had financial system transition issues which prevented us from collecting funding from our partners for many months. Awaiting PhilaPort funding (expecting it very soon) to apply to maintenance contracts. Station downtime has been longer than usual and has impacted various PORTS across the country.***





**Questions?**

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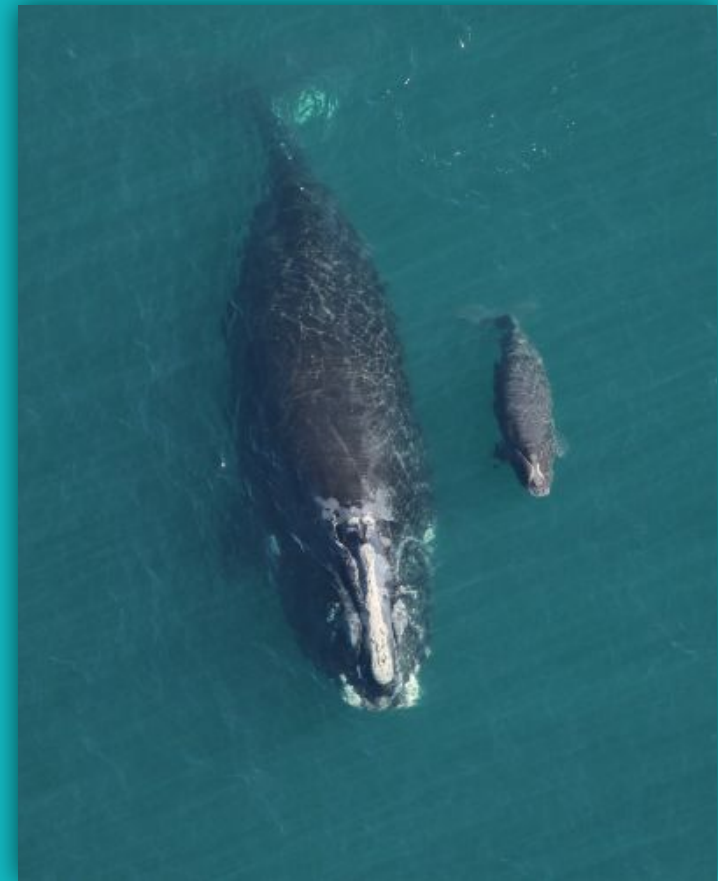


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# Speed restrictions for North Atlantic Right Whales

Mariners' Advisory Committee  
for the Bay & River Delaware  
December 12, 2024

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*Northeast Large Whale Ship Strike  
Reduction Coordinator*



# Mid-Atlantic Seasonal Management Areas (SMAs) in place from November 1 to April 30.

★ Includes one at entrance to Delaware Bay.

All vessels 65 feet or larger are **required** to go 10 knots or less in these areas.

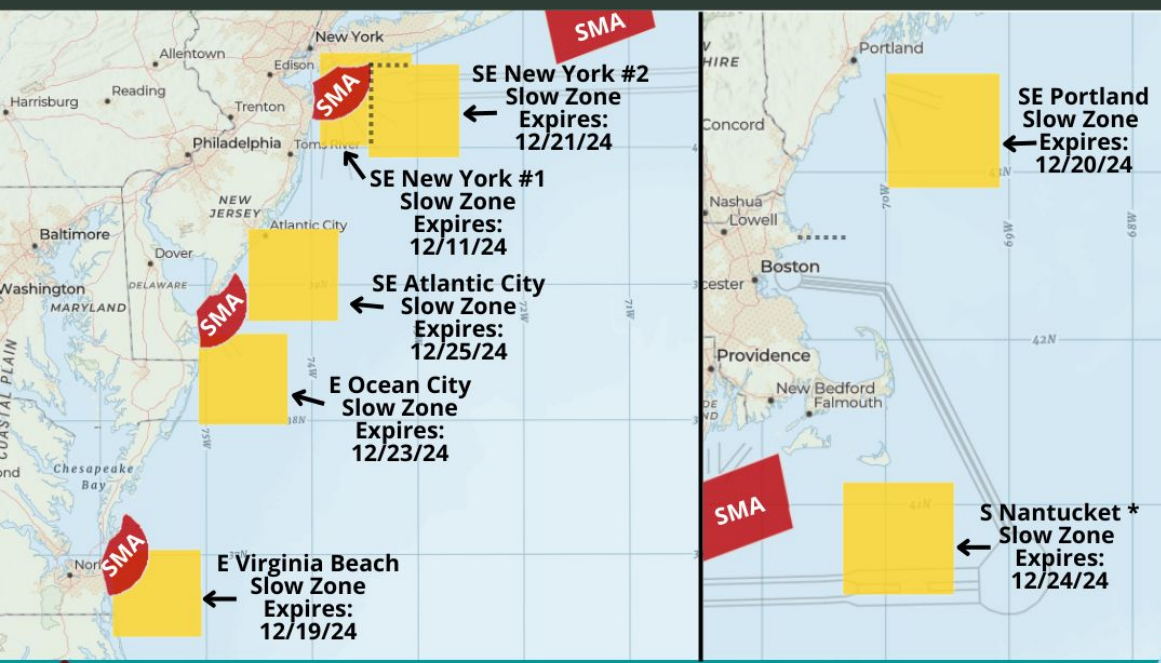
**ATTENTION BOATERS WITH VESSELS 65 FT OR BIGGER: SLOW DOWN TO 10 KNOTS OR LESS FOR RIGHT WHALES**


**Mid Atlantic SMAs**  
Migratory Route and Calving Grounds  
Active Nov 1 - Apr 30


**Red areas: Seasonal Management Areas (SMA)**  
10 knots or less required for most vessels 65 feet and bigger. These speeds are also recommended for smaller boats.





ATTENTION ALL BOATERS:  
SLOW DOWN TO 10 KNOTS  
OR LESS FOR RIGHT WHALES



 Red Areas = Annual Seasonal Management Area (SMA): 10 knots or less required for boats 65 feet and bigger. These speeds are also recommended for smaller boats.

 Yellow Areas = where right whales have been sighted (\* Dynamic Management Area) or heard. Recommended slow down zones for ALL vessels.

 If a Slow Zone overlaps with a SMA, mandatory speed reductions are required. All DMAs/Slow Zones do not apply to inshore waters



# Voluntary Right Whale Slow Zones

All vessels are recommended to slow down to 10 knots or less in these zones, where right whales have been seen or detected acoustically. They are active for 15 days from detection, but may be extended.

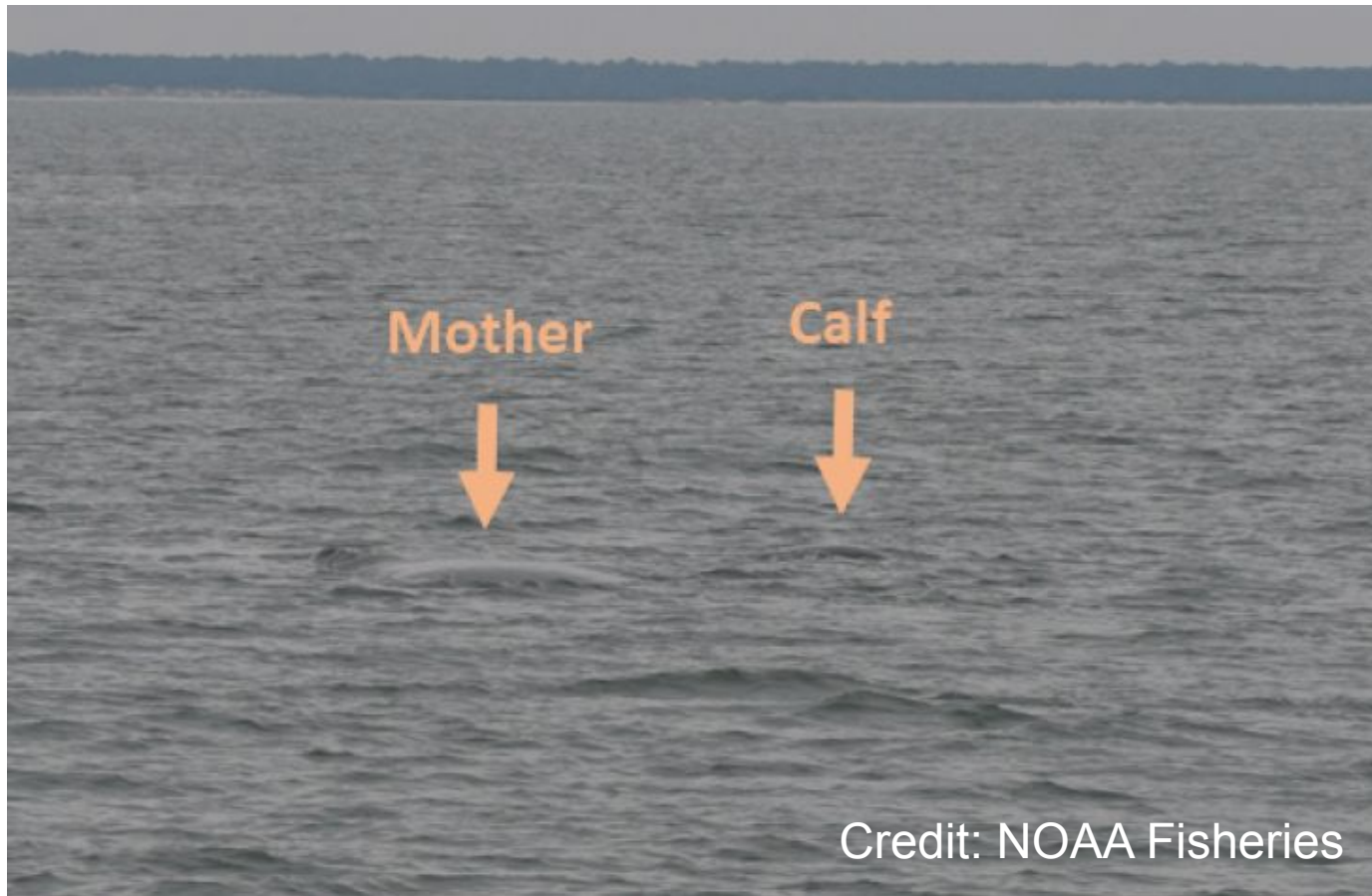
Scan QR code to sign up for Right Whale Slow Zone notifications.



Map of currently active Slow Zones



Right whales can be difficult to see! Going slow gives the mariner and the whale the best chance of avoiding a collision.



Credit: NOAA Fisheries



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MAKE THE CALL!

Report all sightings of right whales

1-866-755-6622



Maine - Virginia

Or radio the Coast Guard on VHF CH 16



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# Thank you!

Learn more about speed restrictions on the NOAA Fisheries website by searching “Reducing Vessel Strikes to Right Whales” or scanning the QR code:



Credit: NOAA Fisheries