



Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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SEASONAL ICE ALERT

The Captain of the Port, Sector Delaware Bay has set a Seasonal Ice Alert for navigation on the Delaware River, Delaware Bay, Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, all existing tributaries, and the New Jersey and Delaware shores. The Seasonal Ice Alert will remain in effect through March 31, 2026. Mariners observing any ice conditions are asked to report them using the corresponding Sector Delaware Bay Ice Reporting Form that are included as enclosures to this bulletin.

Mariners can also report ice conditions to the Sector Delaware Bay Command Center on VHF radio channel 16 or call (833) 453-1007.

If you have any questions regarding the contents of this bulletin, please contact the Waterways Management staff at (206) 815-6688, option 3.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "K. F. Higgins-Bloom", is centered above the printed name.

K. F. HIGGINS-BLOOM
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard
Captain of the Port, Sector Delaware Bay

U.S. Coast Guard Sector Delaware Bay Ice Reporting Form

Email to Sector Delaware Bay Waterways Management at D05-SG-SecDelBay-WWM@uscg.mil and
the Sector Delaware Bay Command Center at SecDelBayCC@uscg.mil

Date:

Time:

Name and Phone Number of Person / Company Reporting:

Delaware Bay and River				
Location	Thickness	Type		Coverage
Lewes, DE		<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Fast	<input type="checkbox"/> Pack <input type="checkbox"/> Drifting	
Delaware City, DE		<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Fast	<input type="checkbox"/> Pack <input type="checkbox"/> Drifting	
Eastern C&D Canal		<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Fast	<input type="checkbox"/> Pack <input type="checkbox"/> Drifting	
Salem River - NJ		<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Fast	<input type="checkbox"/> Pack <input type="checkbox"/> Drifting	
Delaware Memorial Bridge		<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Fast	<input type="checkbox"/> Pack <input type="checkbox"/> Drifting	
Christina River - DE		<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Fast	<input type="checkbox"/> Pack <input type="checkbox"/> Drifting	
Marcus Hook, PA		<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Fast	<input type="checkbox"/> Pack <input type="checkbox"/> Drifting	
Commodore Barry Bridge		<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Fast	<input type="checkbox"/> Pack <input type="checkbox"/> Drifting	
Eddystone, PA		<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Fast	<input type="checkbox"/> Pack <input type="checkbox"/> Drifting	
Fort Mifflin - PA		<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Fast	<input type="checkbox"/> Pack <input type="checkbox"/> Drifting	
Schuylkill River - Girard Point/Point Breeze		<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Fast	<input type="checkbox"/> Pack <input type="checkbox"/> Drifting	
Walt Whitman Bridge		<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Fast	<input type="checkbox"/> Pack <input type="checkbox"/> Drifting	
Ben Franklin Bridge		<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Fast	<input type="checkbox"/> Pack <input type="checkbox"/> Drifting	
Westway Terminal/Tioga		<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Fast	<input type="checkbox"/> Pack <input type="checkbox"/> Drifting	
Delair Railroad Bridge/Betsy Ross Bridge		<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Fast	<input type="checkbox"/> Pack <input type="checkbox"/> Drifting	
Tacony-Palmyra Bridge		<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Fast	<input type="checkbox"/> Pack <input type="checkbox"/> Drifting	

Burlington-Bristol Bridge		<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Fast	<input type="checkbox"/> Pack <input type="checkbox"/> Drifting	
Florence Bend - Riverside Industrial Complex		<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Fast	<input type="checkbox"/> Pack <input type="checkbox"/> Drifting	
PCI Fairless Hills - PA		<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Fast	<input type="checkbox"/> Pack <input type="checkbox"/> Drifting	

***For further details on the definitions of Type and Coverage see below.**

Additional Information to Report (if needed):

Ice Coverage Key	
10%	Open Water
20% - 30%	Very Open Pack
40% – 50%	Open Pack
60% - 70%	Close Pack
80% - 90%	Very Close Pack
100%	Consolidated Pack

Ice Type Description	
New Ice	Slushy
Fast Ice	Connected to the Shore
Pack Ice	Accumulation
Drifting Ice	Moving with the Current

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New Jersey Coast				
Location	Thickness	Type		Coverage
Manasquan River		<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Fast	<input type="checkbox"/> Pack <input type="checkbox"/> Drifting	
Shark River		<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Fast	<input type="checkbox"/> Pack <input type="checkbox"/> Drifting	
South Side Point Pleasant Canal		<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Fast	<input type="checkbox"/> Pack <input type="checkbox"/> Drifting	
Canal at NJ State Police Docks		<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Fast	<input type="checkbox"/> Pack <input type="checkbox"/> Drifting	
Mantoloking Bridge		<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Fast	<input type="checkbox"/> Pack <input type="checkbox"/> Drifting	
Metedeconk River		<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Fast	<input type="checkbox"/> Pack <input type="checkbox"/> Drifting	
Barnegat Inlet		<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Fast	<input type="checkbox"/> Pack <input type="checkbox"/> Drifting	
Oyster Creek		<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Fast	<input type="checkbox"/> Pack <input type="checkbox"/> Drifting	
Manahawkin Bay		<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Fast	<input type="checkbox"/> Pack <input type="checkbox"/> Drifting	
Beach Haven		<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Fast	<input type="checkbox"/> Pack <input type="checkbox"/> Drifting	
Toms River		<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Fast	<input type="checkbox"/> Pack <input type="checkbox"/> Drifting	
Clam Creek		<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Fast	<input type="checkbox"/> Pack <input type="checkbox"/> Drifting	
NJ ICW 171 Meadow Cut		<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Fast	<input type="checkbox"/> Pack <input type="checkbox"/> Drifting	
NJ Transit Railroad Bridge		<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Fast	<input type="checkbox"/> Pack <input type="checkbox"/> Drifting	
Mile Cut		<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Fast	<input type="checkbox"/> Pack <input type="checkbox"/> Drifting	
ICW 282 34 th Street Bridge		<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Fast	<input type="checkbox"/> Pack <input type="checkbox"/> Drifting	

Canary Creek		<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Fast	<input type="checkbox"/> Pack <input type="checkbox"/> Drifting	
Broadkill River		<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Fast	<input type="checkbox"/> Pack <input type="checkbox"/> Drifting	
Indian River Inlet		<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Fast	<input type="checkbox"/> Pack <input type="checkbox"/> Drifting	
Roosevelt Inlet		<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Fast	<input type="checkbox"/> Pack <input type="checkbox"/> Drifting	
Cape May Canal		<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Fast	<input type="checkbox"/> Pack <input type="checkbox"/> Drifting	
Cape May Ferry Terminal		<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Fast	<input type="checkbox"/> Pack <input type="checkbox"/> Drifting	
Cape May Inlet		<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Fast	<input type="checkbox"/> Pack <input type="checkbox"/> Drifting	
Townsend Inlet Bridge		<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Fast	<input type="checkbox"/> Pack <input type="checkbox"/> Drifting	

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