

THE TOWBOAT AND HARBOR CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION OF N.Y./N.J.



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WATERWAY NEWS

GENERAL

Annual Meeting – (Draft minutes attached) The TBHCA Annual Meeting provided membership with insight from NYC/NYS on its efforts to improve our Marine Transportation System, updates from the USCG, and the opportunities to advance our messaging via social media. Please find attached TBHCA, NYCEDC, and NYSDOS presentations and if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call or email.

Web site/social media -The Steering Committee has approved to have a professional update our website and advance our social media presence to expand public awareness of the societal, economic, and environmental benefits of our industry. The plan is to first build an informative website and thereafter tie membership LinkedIn sites to expand our message. **To best reflect our benefits, we ask that members provide a picture along with an informative message** i.e. Maritime supporting the delivery of home Heating oil in winter months and Annually, Garbage movements (how many TEU's), recyclable tonnage, marine bridge/infrastructure construction support, ship repair/maintenance, cargo ships assisted, etc. Currently, Bob Hughes III and Paul Dengel have agreed to help in this effort, and we welcome any assistance that can be provided in this effort. To date we have received one completed story and one picture sans story.... please consider supporting our efforts to inform the public of the benefits of Maritime Transportation.

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Vernon C. Bain Correctional Center Disposition RFP - New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC) invites qualified parties to submit proposals for the disposition via sale of the Vernon C. Bain Correctional Center barge ("VCBC", or "Barge") for scrap or adaptive reuse. VCBC is an 800-bed jail barge formerly operated by the Department of Correction. Located at Hunts Point in the Bronx, southwest of the New Fulton Fish Market at 1 Halleck St, the barge measures 625 feet in length and 125 feet in width, with a five-story superstructure on the barge. The Barge is approximately 25 feet in height from the main deck elevation to the bottom keel.

NYCEDC is engaged in remediating the land adjacent to the barge and reimagining the future of the site, which begins with removal of the prison barge. Respondent will be responsible for removing the Barge from its current site in a safe and expeditious manner, no later than 60 days after taking possession.

NYCEDC plans to select a consultant on the basis of factors stated in the RFP which include, but are not limited to: the operational readiness and structure of the Respondent and Respondent's team, qualifications of key staff identified in the proposal, the financial proposal, demonstrated successful experience in performing services similar to those encompassed in the RFP, economic impact, and the Respondent's financial offer for purchase of the Barge. **To download a copy of the solicitation documents, please visit edc.nyc.gov/RFPs**

Bay Street Landing Esplanade - Demolition and reconstruction operations at the Bay Street Landing Esplanade, New York Harbor, Upper Bay, Tompkinsville, Staten Island, from March 10, 2025, to December 31, 2025, Monday through Friday, between 7:00am to 3:30pm. Equipment on scene will be a Crane Barge #1- 50' x 140', Crane Barge #2- 54' x 250', Material Barge #1- 40' x 120', Material Barge #2- 35' x 195', monitoring VHF-FM CH 13 and 69 for any concerned traffic. Push boat will be on site and can move the barges within 2-3 hours during the work week and within 12hrs of notice on weekends.

HUDSON RIVER – CHELSEA – Boat Regatta Mariners are advised that a boat regatta of approximately 30 sailboats of various sizes is scheduled to occur every Sunday afternoon, Wednesday evening, and most Saturdays and holidays from May 17, 2025, through October 12, 2025, between 6:00 p.m. and sunset on Wednesdays and 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on weekends and holidays in the vicinity of Chelsea, NY. Interested mariners may contact the Event Coordinator on marine band radio channel 16/72 VHF-FM

EAST ROCKAWAY CHANNEL- Posillico Civil will be conducting marine construction operations in the East Rockaway Channel, Broad Channel, Hog Island Channel & Reynolds Channel, from December 2, 2024, to October 10, 2025, seven days a week, between 7:00am to 7:00pm Equipment on scene will be the 38' x 100' Dredge "Joseph D'Arco, 38' x 110' Flat Deck Crane Barge "#16", 56' x 17' Tugboat "Dana Alexa", 25' x 14' Clydesdale Push boat "Pushillico" & Aluminum Work Skiffs, monitoring VHF-FM CH 13, 16, and 66, and will require a 30-minute notice, for all vessel movement requests. Mariners are urged to use extreme caution and transit the area at their slowest safe speed to create minimum wake after passing arrangements have been made.

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ENERGY NEWS

PROPEL NY ENERGY – Stephen Lyman and myself attended a Propel NY Energy Webinar on June 25th that provided an overview of future terrestrial and maritime cable routes to provide energy to NYC. The webinar was very short on in-water proposals and have **attached** a sheet from their website to provide some details. Following the presentation participants had an opportunity to submit questions via chat and several were answered regarding the terrestrial segment. None of my questions were answered which is troubling and disrespectful. Propel NY Energy meet previously with HoPs where they were told that burial depths less than 15-feet would not be acceptable, however, playing on the CHPE playbook they smiled said thank you and they are continuing with the project with inferior burial depths.

SHELIA BORDELON will be conducting boulder relocation with a grab, debris removal with a grab, and pre-lay grapnel runs (PLGR) operations along the entire submarine export cable corridor between Gowanus Bay in New York Harbor and the lease area in the New York Bight for Lease Area OCS-A 0512. A portion of the work will be performed in Bay Ridge Channel, and the Narrows east of the Ambrose/Anchorage channel in proximity to the Verrazano-Narrows bridge tower. Outside of New York Harbor, the work is performed adjacent to the Ambrose channel, within the precautionary area for traffic, within a traffic separation zone and crossing the Ambrose to Nantucket Traffic Lane. Operations will commence on or about June 9, 2025, until approximately September 9, 2025, and will be conducted 7 days per week, 24 hours per day. The vessel will be restricted/limited in her ability to maneuver. Boulder positions after relocation will be available shortly after relocation. During PLGR operations, SHELIA BORDELON will be towing a grapnel train over the seabed extending a maximum of 150m (500 feet) behind the vessel. The speed of the vessel will not exceed 1 knot during the PLGR operation. The vessel Shearwater will also be working alongside the SHELIA BORDELON.

Geoquip Marine USA will be conducting geotechnical soil boring site surveys for offshore windfarms from May 16, 2024, to July 31, 2025. Equipment on scene will be the GEOQUIP SPEER with associated subsea drilling and testing equipment, monitoring VHF-FM CH 16 and are requesting a 1-nautical mile clearance during operations. Location: 40.32786° N / 72.96245° W 40.26571° N / 72.96292° W 40.14365° N / 73.12991° W 40.20264° N / 73.22504° W 40.31266° N / 73.08267° W 40.32786° N / 72.96245° W

HARLEM RIVER

Caldwell Marine International, LLC will begin a bulkhead penetration construction, in the Harlem River, for the Champlain Hudson Power Express (CHPE) project on or about September 2, 2024. The work/operational barge and an additional, adjacent material barge will operate on spuds for mooring, between 40-48.444N, 073-55.922W; 40-48.251N, 073-55.782W. Equipment on site will be a work/operational barge (150 ft length x 60 ft beam), a material barge: (110ft length x 50ft beam), a support tug: (26ft length x 15ft beam), a crew work boat: Carolina Skiff (18' ft length x 10 ft beam); monitoring

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Hailing Channel VHF CH13 and CH16, Working Channel VHF CH73. Barges will remain fixed adjacent to the northeast shore at 40-48.296N, 073-55.778W during construction. Wide berth is requested. Barges will be illuminated from dusk to dawn with fixed white lights with a visible range of 2 nautical miles. Mariners are urged to use extreme caution and transit the area at their slowest safe speed to create minimum wake after passing arrangements have been made.

BRIDGE NEWS

Bridge Reports - Please make every effort to access for updates and report any/all bridge delays/concerns: <https://homeport.uscg.mil/port-directory/new-york> To best document bridge performances, it is highly recommended that all bridge outages be reported via emailed to Greg Hitchen, D1 Bridge Program Manager Gregory.P.Hitchen@uscg.mil

Northern Blvd Bridge – Contractors will be performing embarkment repairs at the Northern Blvd Bridge across Flushing Creek at mile 0.4. Contractors will be utilizing a 5' x 20' work float and will be working outside the navigational channel. Work will be conducted between April 28, 2025, to July 31, 2025, between 6:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Mariners with any questions can contact the contractor via marine radio VHF-FM CH 13/16 or call Tom McIntosh (201) 417- 4115. Mariners are advised to exercise caution when transiting the area.

Pulaski Bridge Newtown Creek –From May 20, 2025, to August 19, 2025, between 9 am to 2 pm New York City Department of Transportation will be performing maintenance at the Pulaski Bridge across Newtown Creek at mile 0.6, in Queens, NY. Mariners with any questions may contact 929-687-2807. Mariners are advised to exercise caution and reduce wake when transiting the area.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Johansson

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