

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



June 1, 2025

TBHCA Steering Committee

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MEETINGS

May 6 - RISK ASSESSMENT DISCUSSION REQUEST: U.S. Coast Guard Ports and Waterways Safety Board of Inquiry discussion regarding Risk Analysis and interagency cooperation.

WATERWAY NEWS

GENERAL

Annual Meeting June 11th Staten Island Garden Hilton – Please join us at our Annual Meeting on June 11th at the S.I. Garden Hilton. Please RSVP if you have not done so already. We currently have 55 members and 10 Guest as attending.

Guest speakers include:

CAPT Andrechik. USCG Captain of the Port of NY
Andrew Kimball, NYCEDC President and CEO
Giacomo Landi, EDC Asset Management
Max Taffet, Senior Vice President, Ports, Waterfront and Transportation
Laura McLean, NYSDOS Director Ocean & Great Lakes Division

For planning purposes please email me to be added to the attendee list as soon as able and please bring your questions and concerns regarding NYC and NYS Maritime Transportation and USCG.

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Upper Bay – Liberty Island/Governor's Island – Sail Grand Prix June 5-7 (Attached)

Marine Event Outlook – 2025 – (Attached)

Hudson River Ground Stabilization Project Update (Attached)

PREPARING FOR HURRICANE SEASON 2025, MSIB 05-25 – (Attached)

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.

ATON/Proposed Notice of Changes MSIB 03-25 – (Attached)

E-mails can be sent to: SMBDPWPublicComments@uscg.mil

Pier construction and demolition at the American Sugar Refining, Inc., Yonkers, New York, Hudson River. In position 40-92-88.24N, 073-90-56.21W, from March 24, 2025, to June 30, 2025, seven days a week, between 6:00am to 6:00pm. Equipment on scene will be a 60'x150' spudded crane barge / 2 each 30'x90' material Barges / 1 each 40 x 60 spudded work barge, monitoring VHF-FM CH 16. Commerce is requesting a slow bell during working hours to lessen the impact from swells caused by passing vessels during construction activities. Commerce will be monitoring Channel 16 and will check with the Vessel Traffic Service 15 minutes before, and upon completion, each day on VHF CH 11 or at (718) 354-4088 (Cell phone notification taking preference). The Commerce Construction site representative can be reached at (609)234-9233.

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.

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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

HUDSON RIVER – PIER 60 – Boat Parade Mariners are advised that a parade of vessels is scheduled to occur on the Hudson River, Manhattan, New York, on June 12, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. A formation of approximately 15 vessels of various sizes will transit from south of Pier 60, then proceed north past a viewing stand, then continue north to Pier 62 where they will disperse. Interested mariners may contact the Event Coordinator during the parade on marine band radio channels 06 and 13 VHF-FM

ENERGY NEWS

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 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.

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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

Upper Bay Bridge (Lehigh Valley Bridge) - Attached

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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