

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



April 1, 2024

## **April Meetings/Events**

April 3<sup>rd</sup> -10am, HoPs Steering Committee Meeting  
April 22 – 10am – Sector NY Change of Command

## **May Meetings/Events**

May 1<sup>st</sup> – 10am, HoPs Steering Committee Meeting

## **June Meetings/Events**

June 5<sup>th</sup> – 10am, HoPs Steering Committee Meeting  
**June 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Staten Island Garden Hilton**  
June 15<sup>th</sup> – HoPs Plenary Meeting

## **March Meetings/Events**

March 6<sup>th</sup> - 10am, HoPs Steering Committee Meeting (Attached)

March 19-21 - Harbor Safety Committee (HSC) - The 2024 NHSCC held at the Navy Pier in Chicago, was well attended by USCG and other Port committees. The event featured several panels and guest speakers including Admiral Fagan, Commandant. Mr. Mike Emerson (SES), Director, Marine Transportation System Moderated *Harbor Safety Committee Management Best Practices* that provided a window into how other Harbor Safety Committees operated. Chair John DeCruz, Director Lyman, and I found this panel of interest and will begin to explore how some items can be implemented into Sector NY. Of particular interest was their use of websites containing information for recreational boaters: boating safety courses, boat charter requirements to identify illegal charters, boating safety guidelines, etc.

March 27 – HoPs Plenary Meeting – Attended f2f until it was time to leave and join the workforce summit. A NOAA presentation on PORTs services to Port Prior to departing to the Maritime Transportation Workforce Summit, TBHCA provided concerns regarding the USACE reduction of authorized depths and deauthorization of certain sections of Newtown Creek. It was also noted that the Passaic River will no longer be navigable now that the Dock and Bridge Street Bridge will be fixed and that navigation the Hackensack River is difficult if not impossible due to construction equipment constraints around the Portal Bridge that soon will be restricted to 50-feet of Vertical Clearance.

March 27 – Maritime Transportation Workforce Summit – Stephen Lyman, Executive Director Port of New York and New Jersey Maritime Association sponsored this informative event that discussed the ongoing labor shortage in the Maritime Industry. Attending were several community colleges, NJ

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Department of Labor, NJ Department of Higher Education, NYC Job force Grant Department, Port Authority, Harbor Pilots, and Andre Stuckey, Executive Director, New Jersey Maritime Pilot and Docking Pilot Commission. The discussion highlighted the vast opportunities in the Maritime Industry immediately following High School or after attending one of the many Maritime Colleges. It was noted that individuals seeking career paths in the Maritime Industry must possess non-technical skills of a good attitude/behavior and be subjected to random drug testing.

## Waterway News

### USCG Commandant State of the Coast Guard Address

<https://www.news.uscg.mil/Press-Releases/Article/3709716/media-advisory-coast-guard-commandant-to-deliver-state-of-the-coast-guard-addre/>

**Maritime Career Awareness Fair:** (Attached) will be held on Thursday, April 18th, 2024, from 10AM-2PM at the Manhattan Cruise Terminal, Pier 88 (711 12th Avenue, New York, NY 10019). Our past events have hosted over 500+ students. We hope you will be able to represent your organization at the event. RSVP by January 19<sup>th</sup> to confirm your attendance. To Soumya Gokuli, at [sgokuli@edc.nyc](mailto:sgokuli@edc.nyc). T: 212-312-3542 C: 929-504-4613

**Newtown Creek WRDA Proposal (Attached)** - WRDA 2024 language is being drafted to deauthorize and modify portions of the creek. Please review and provide comments to Lisa Baron Project Manager USACE- New York District Programs and Project Management- Civil Works Branch 917-790-8306 (office) 646-385-1429 (cell). [Lisa.A.Baron@usace.army.mil](mailto:Lisa.A.Baron@usace.army.mil)

**Shipping Safety Fairways Along the Atlantic Coast:** The Coast Guard is proposing to establish shipping safety fairways (“fairways”) along the Atlantic Coast of the United States, identified in the Atlantic Coast Port Access Route Study. Fairways would preserve the safe and reliable transit of vessels along well-established traffic patterns and routes. While vessels are not required to use them, fairways are designed to keep traditional navigation routes free from fixed structures that could impact navigation safety and impede other shared offshore activities. The Coast Guard recognizes that there is increasing interest in offshore commercial development, including offshore renewable energy installations, and believes this development is best served by the establishment of consistent and well-defined fairways. The proposed fairways would help ensure that offshore developments remain viable by allowing developers to construct and maintain installations without risk of impeding vessel traffic. The Coast Guard is also proposing to establish traffic separation schemes and precautionary areas along the Atlantic coast to further improve navigation safety. Comments and related material must be received by the Coast Guard on or before April 18, 2024.

<https://www.regulations.gov/document/USCG-2019-0279-0032>

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/01/19/2024-00757/shipping-safety-fairways-along-the-atlantic-coast>

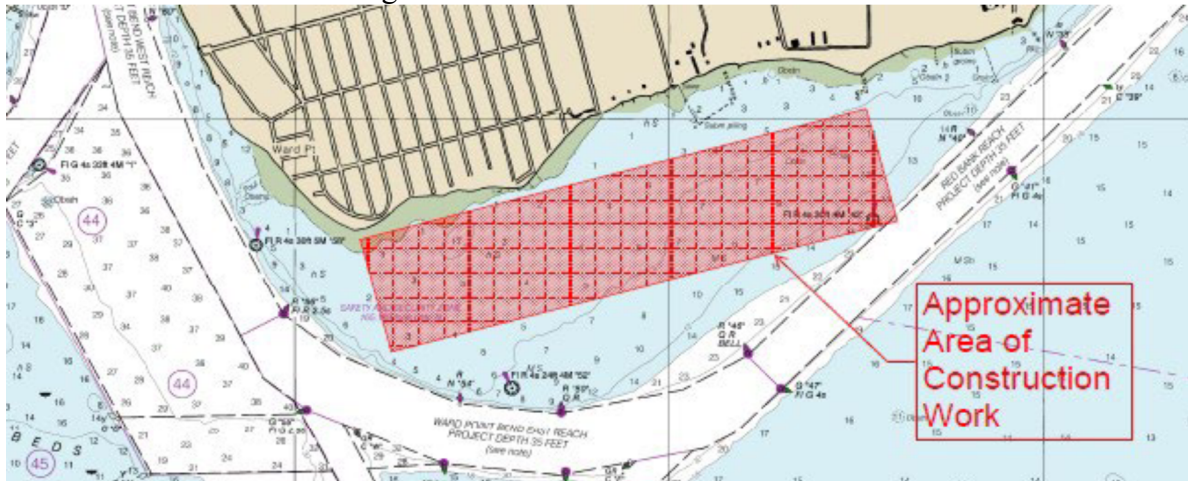
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**NY-STATEN ISLAND-RARITAN BAY** Weeks Marine will be constructing 8 rubble mound breakwaters, north of Ward Point, East Reach approximately halfway between the shipping channel and the shoreline, in position 40-29-37.9841N 074-14-48.6976W and 40-29-54.3500N, 074-13-56.6352W. Equipment and construction activities are anticipated onsite until June 2024, Mon-Friday 5:00am to 5:00 pm. Equipment on scene will be W537 (250'x64'x16'), W70 (150'x80'x13'), W201-205 (130'x40'x11') W291/W293 (180'x54'x14'), W297 (250'x75'x16'), W263 (160'x 54'x12'), LISA D. Crew boat (47'x13'x4'), JESSE O. Workboat (25'x11'x6'). The barges will remain on scene overnight and on weekends and will be properly marked and lit. W537 and W263 may be on anchors or spuds, W70 will be on spuds and all other barges will be moored alongside. Mariners operating or transiting in the area, are requested to give a 0.5 nautical mile closest point of approach and are urged to transit at their slowest safe speed to minimize wake and proceed with caution after passing arrangements have been made with the dredge. All vessels will be monitoring VHF CH 16 and 82.



**GOWANUS CANAL** - Aqua Survey Inc. will be conducting sediment sampling in Gowanus Canal between 6th and 7th Street Basin, Brooklyn, NY, from March 25, 2024, to April 8, 2024, Monday through Friday, between 8:00am to 4:00pm. Equipment on scene will be the R/ SCHUYLKILL, monitoring VHF-FM CH 13 and 16 for any concerned traffic. Mariners are urged to transit at their slowest safe speed to produce no wake and proceed with caution.

**HUDSON RIVER-KINGSTON-HASTINGS** - Hornbeck Offshore Services will be conducting pre-lay mattress installation for CHPE Project, on the Hudson River from Kingston, NY to Hastings on Hudson, NY, from 40-59-40N to 41-54-39N, March 23, 2024, to April 15, 2024, seven days a week, 24 hours a day. Equipment on scene will be the MSV HOS Bayou, monitoring VHF-FM CH 13 and 16 and will be restricted in her ability to maneuver, during mattress installation, operations. 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.

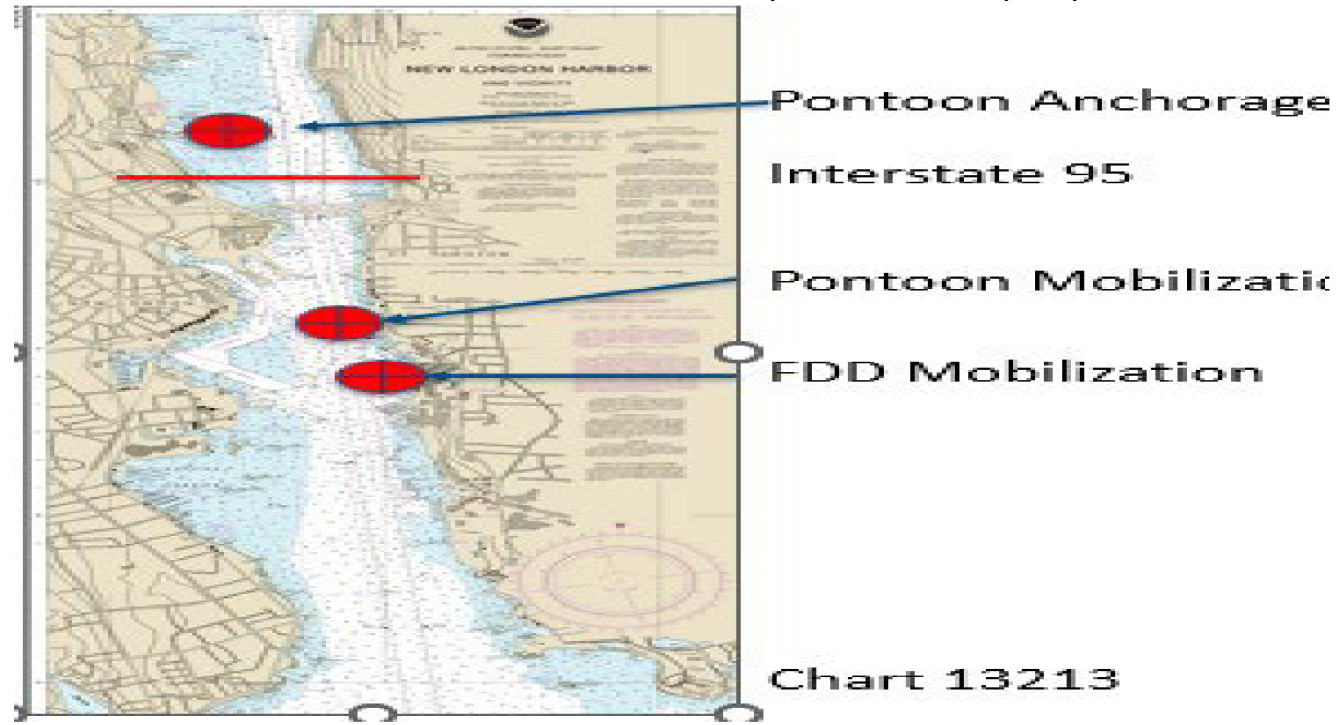
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**THAMES RIVER-ELECTRIC BOAT** - Electric Boat Corporation, will be mobilizing and demobilizing heavy lift assets, used for vessel construction, at Electric Boat, from July 2024 to August 2024. Equipment on scene will be various tugs, spud barges, and crane barges, monitoring VHF-FM CH 8 and 13 for any concerned traffic. Mariners are advised to use caution and operate at slowest speed possible to avoid wake.



**H.R.6356** – Riverkeeper will continue to lobby hard to eliminate all anchoring in the Hudson River other than current Federally Designated Anchorage Grounds. All Maritime Associations need to join together to fight to stop this and all Bills that endanger navigation safety.

The bill is cosponsored by Pat Ryan and Marc Molinaro

Pat Ryan (Legislative director: Kana Smith [kana.smith@mail.house.gov](mailto:kana.smith@mail.house.gov) )

Marc Molinaro (Legislative director: Connor Trossian. [connor.trossian@mail.house.gov](mailto:connor.trossian@mail.house.gov) ).

We ask that all **companies, terminals, shipyards, and residents send letters in opposition to this bill** that puts navigation safety in peril. At the recent HRSNOC meeting, Marc Molinaro had a representative attend and was educated on the fatal flaws of this proposal to the Maritime Transportation System.

**DHS News. - DHS Supply Chain Resilience Center to Protect U.S. Supply Chain**

**MARAD Grants opportunities**

<https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=109944>

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**WESTCHESER CREEK** Insight GeoServices, will be conducting marine survey operations, in Long Island Sound between Hempstead Bay and New Rochelle, East River in the vicinity of the Whitestone Bridge and Westchester Creek from March 1, 2024, to April 30, 2024, seven days a week, during daylight hours. The survey location will be bounded by the following positions: west of a line extending from 40-55.3N, 073-44.0W; 40-53.0N, 073-39.0W and east of a line extending from 40-53.5N, 073- 46.5W; 40-52.0N, 073-44.0W. Equipment on scene will be the survey vessel TIME and TIDE and HALF MOON, monitoring VHF-FM CH 13 and 16 for any concerned traffic and is requesting vessels to maintain a 500 yard closest point of approach and will be towing survey equipment 100 meters astern. 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.

## **DREDGING NEWS**

**MANHATTAN CRUISE TERMINAL** - Donjon Marine Co. will be conducting spring maintenance dredging at the Manhattan Cruise Terminal berths, in position 40-45-57.938N, 073-59-57.03W, from April 15, 2024, to May 16, 2024, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Equipment on scene will be the dredge OYSTER BAY or DELEWARE BAY, three dump scows, a tending tug, two, and two, towing to sea tugs, monitoring VHF-FM CH 13 and 16 for any concerned traffic. This will be a move on demand project and Donjon, will maintain a tug on site 24/7 to move the dredge and equipment, as needed. 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.

**HUDSON RIVER-NEW BALTIMORE** - Coeymans Marine Towing will be conducting dredging operations near Houghteling Island, Hudson River, New Baltimore, NY, in position 42-26.131N and 073-46W, from April 3, 2024, to September 1, 2024, seven days a week, between 6:00am to 6:00pm. Equipment on scene will be (2) 195x35' hopper barges, (1) tug, (1) safety boat, (1) 80X40' dredge platforms, monitoring VHF-FM CH 13, 16, and 81A, for any concerned traffic. Operations will not be in the navigation channel and Operations will communicate daily with Hudson River Pilots and any passing commercial traffic. 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.

## **CONNECTICUT**

**NEW LONDON-GROTON-ELECTRIC BOAT** - Cashman Dredging will be mobilizing equipment into New London Harbor for dredging work contracted by General Dynamics, Electric Boat, on September 25, 2023. Dredging operations will occur adjacent to Electric Boat's south yard in Groton, CT. The dredging template is east of the federal navigation channel in the Thames River. Equipment for the project will include a clamshell dredge, crane barge, 6 Seminole style hopper barges, survey vessels, and associated crew boats and tugs and will be monitoring VHF FM channel 16 for any concern traffic period. Tugs will be transporting the dredged material from New London, CT to Upper Bay in Jersey City, NJ. Dredging

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operations will commence on October 1, 2023, until January 31, 2024, the dredge will operate six to seven days a week 12 hours a day. Mariners are advised to use caution and transit at slow speeds to minimize wake when operating in the area.

## MARINE EVENTS

**ALBANY** – Regatta Mariners are advised that a rowing regatta is scheduled to be held on the North Hudson River on September 22, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Approximately 100 vessels of various lengths will transit a course beginning north of the I-90 Bridge heading southbound on the Hudson River finishing near the Riverfront Amphitheater at Jennings Landing. Rowers will egress north of the finish line near Albany rowing center boathouse. Mariners are requested to transit at low wake speed and use caution when in the vicinity of the rowers. Interested mariners may contact the Principal Race Officers via telephone at (573) 578-2532 or (917) 650-4680.

**UPPER BAY** – Boat Parade Mariners are advised that a boat parade is scheduled to occur on June 29, 2024, between 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. A formation of approximately 50 vessels between 28 and 95 feet in length, will gather north of Liberty Island in the Upper NY Bay at approximately 11:00 a.m. Beginning at 1:00 p.m. the parade will travel North up the Hudson River to the USS Intrepid Museum and then return to the Upper NY Bay to disperse around 5:00 p.m. Mariners are urged to transit with caution while in the vicinity of this event. Interested mariners may contact the Event Coordinator on marine band radio channel 16 and 69 VHF-FM

**UPPER BAY** – Competition Mariners are advised that a paddle-craft competition is scheduled for September 7th and 8th, 2024 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Approximately 70 participating canoes, kayaks, and paddle boards will transit shore-side along the Hudson River beginning in Hoboken Cove heading south to Liberty Island then around the southernmost point of Governors Island transiting the Buttermilk channel heading north up the Hudson River. Interested mariners may contact the Race Director on marine band radio channel 72 VHF-FM. Chart 12327

**TARRYTOWN** – Swim Mariners are advised that the Lighthouse Swim event is scheduled for September 8, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. within the waters of the Hudson River. Approximately 150 swimmers, assisted by kayakers, power-driven vessels, and local law enforcement will transit from the western portion of the Village of Nyack Memorial Park, NY, proceeding eastward to Kingsland Park, Sleepy Hollow, NY, where the swimmers will egress. Mariners are requested to operate with extreme caution within the vicinity of the support craft and proceed at no wake speed near event participants. Interested mariners may contact the Swim Organizer on marine band radio channel 6 VHF-FM

**UPPER BAY** – Sailboat Exhibition Race Mariners are advised there is a sailboat exhibition race scheduled to take place in the Upper Bay on May 24, 2024, between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. The race will be located between Governors Island and Liberty Island, oriented NE/SW, approximately 1.5 nautical miles

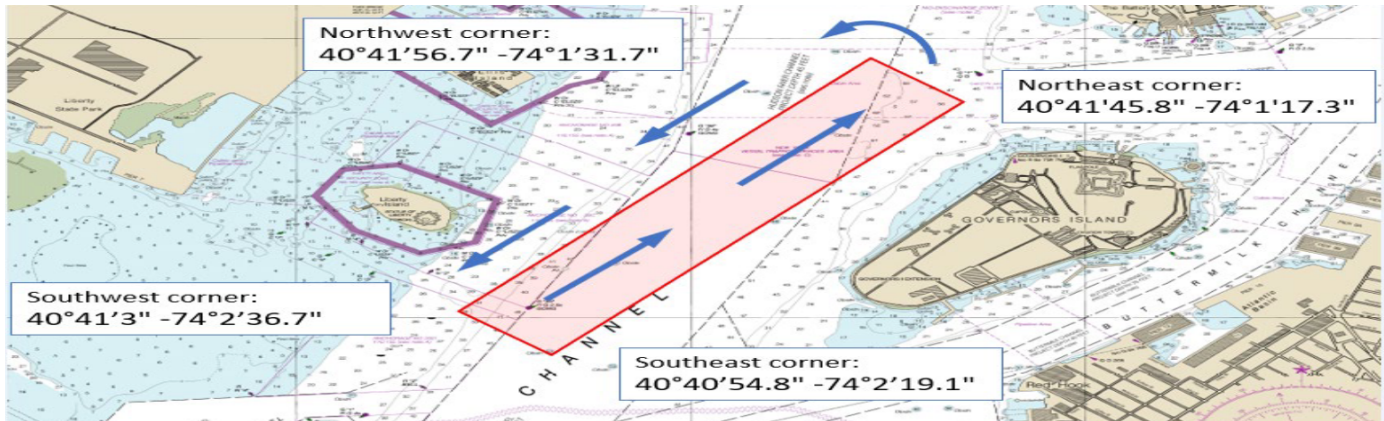
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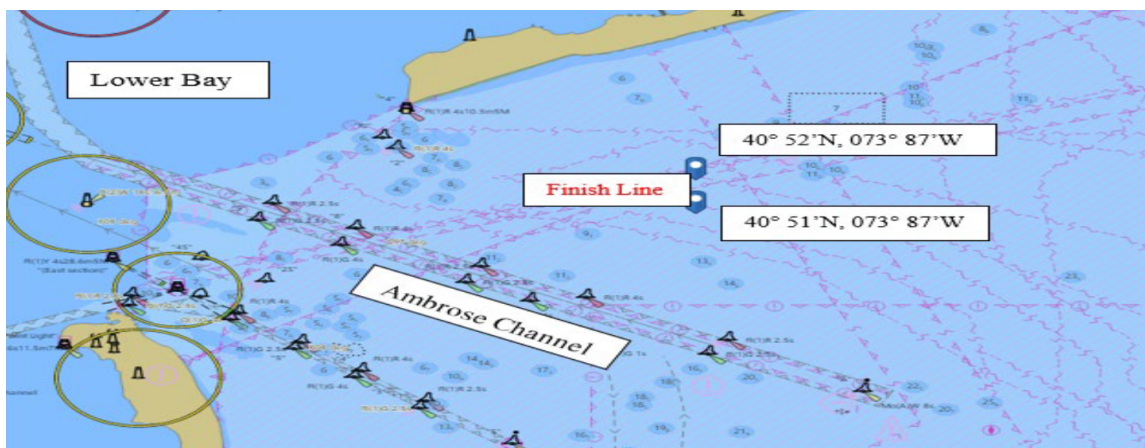
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long and 0.25 nautical miles wide. The races will consist of a maximum of 9 boats in each heat with each heat lasting approximately 10 minutes. At the completion of each heat, the vessels will return to the start line acting as a power-driven vessel, while observing standard navigation practices in accordance with U.S. Coast Guard Navigation Rules. The event coordinator may be contacted at +1-646-484-8655 or on VHF-FM channel 74.



**OFFSHORE** – South of ROCKAWAY POINT, BROOKLYN, NY – Sailboat Race Mariners are advised that there is a transatlantic sailing race being conducted and the finish line will be South of Rockaway Point, Brooklyn, NY between positions 40°52N 073°87W and 40°51N 073°87W. There are 51 participating boats that will be arriving between May 6, 2024, thru May 20, 2024. Participating vessels are anticipated to arrive at all hours throughout the day and night. There will be a boat on scene in the vicinity of the finish line monitoring VHF-FM channels 06, 16, and 72. As each vessel has crossed the finish line, they will transit from south of Rockaway Point to One 15 Brooklyn Marina and Moonbeam Gateway Marina. Interested mariners may contact the event coordinator via telephone at 646-484-8655.



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## ENERGY NEWS

**HUDSON RIVER-CATSKILL-TARRYTOWN** Ocean Surveys, Inc (OSI) will be conducting acquisition of marine geophysical and hydrographic data operations along survey route options that include the Hudson River from Catskill, NY south the area of Tarrytown, NY, between positions 42-8-47.97N, 073-54-23.44W and 40-47-28.46N, 073-56-26.56W, from April 2, 2024, to April 19, 2024, between 6:00am to 6:00pm. OSI vessel, R/V Able II, monitoring VHF-FM CH 13 and 16 by a two man field crew (with client representative) equipped with a multibeam depth sounder, side scan sonar, and magnetometer. The survey equipment will either be fix-mounted or towed behind the vessel; while towing the remote sensing array, the vessel will have limited mobility. The vessel will be operating out of various marinas along the survey route. The crew and vessel will not be working within the NY VTS area of operations,.. During operations with towed equipment, vessel will be able to move offline to avoid observed vessel traffic, but with limited mobility. 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.

**Caldwell Marine** will be conducting marine construction operations, to support the installation of two horizontal drills, on the Hudson River, near Crofton Point in position 41-09.643N, 073-55.092W, from April 1, 2024, to July 30, 2024, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Equipment on scene will be a 60' x 180' deck crane barge with spuds, 40' x 100' sectional drill support barge with anchors, Tug Gavin, Vessel Patty C, and Carolina Skiff, monitoring VHF-FM CH 73 for any concerned traffic. The marine spread set at fixed position for the duration of the horizontal directional drill operations, weather permitting. During extreme weather events, marine assets will be moved to safe mooring or safe harbor. All anchor positions will be marked with white spherical marker buoys. Each anchor buoy will be equipped with high visibility reflective tape and illuminated 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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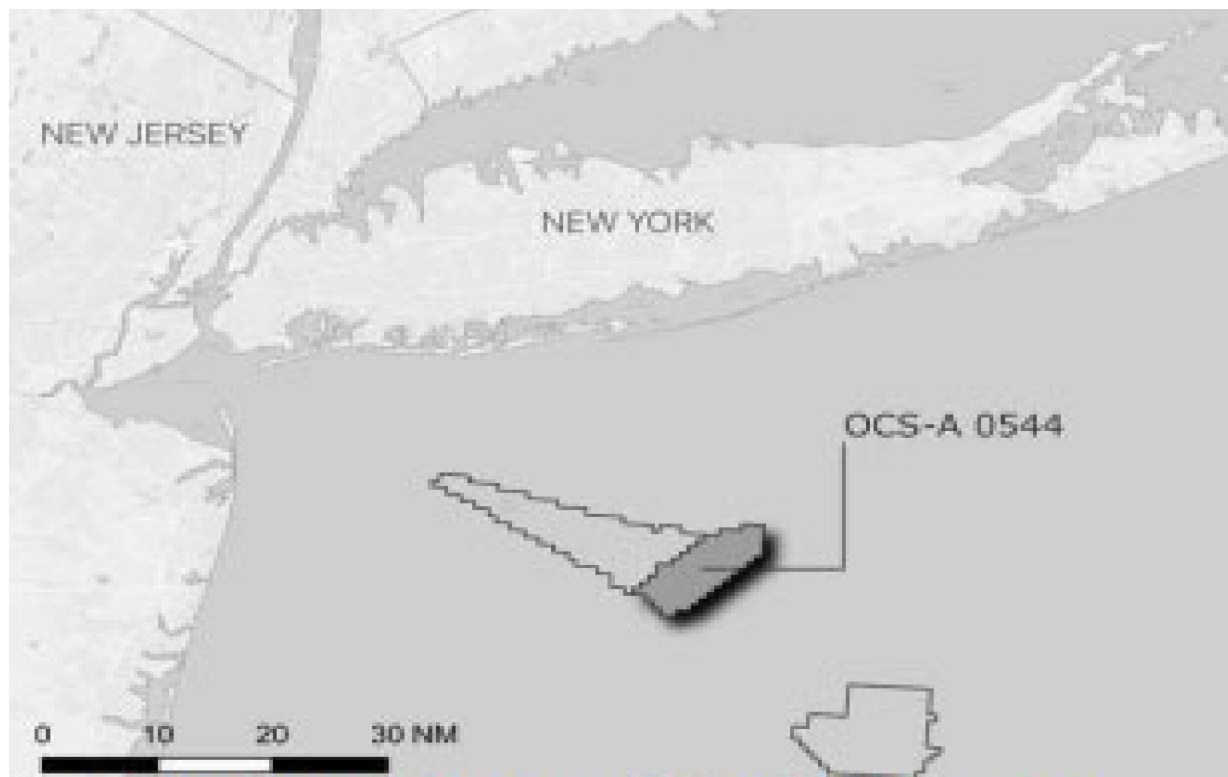


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## ATLANTIC OCEAN

**Geoquip Marine** will be conducting geotechnical and soil boring site surveys in the BOEM Lease No. OCS-A 0544, from February 15, 2024, to October 30, 2024, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Equipment on scene will be the GEOQUIP SAENTIS and DINA POLARIS with associated subsea drilling and testing equipment, monitoring VHF-FM CH 16 for any concerned traffic and request a 1NM separation wherever possible from other vessels and vessel will require 24-hour notice to relocate as drilling equipment will need to be recovered. 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.



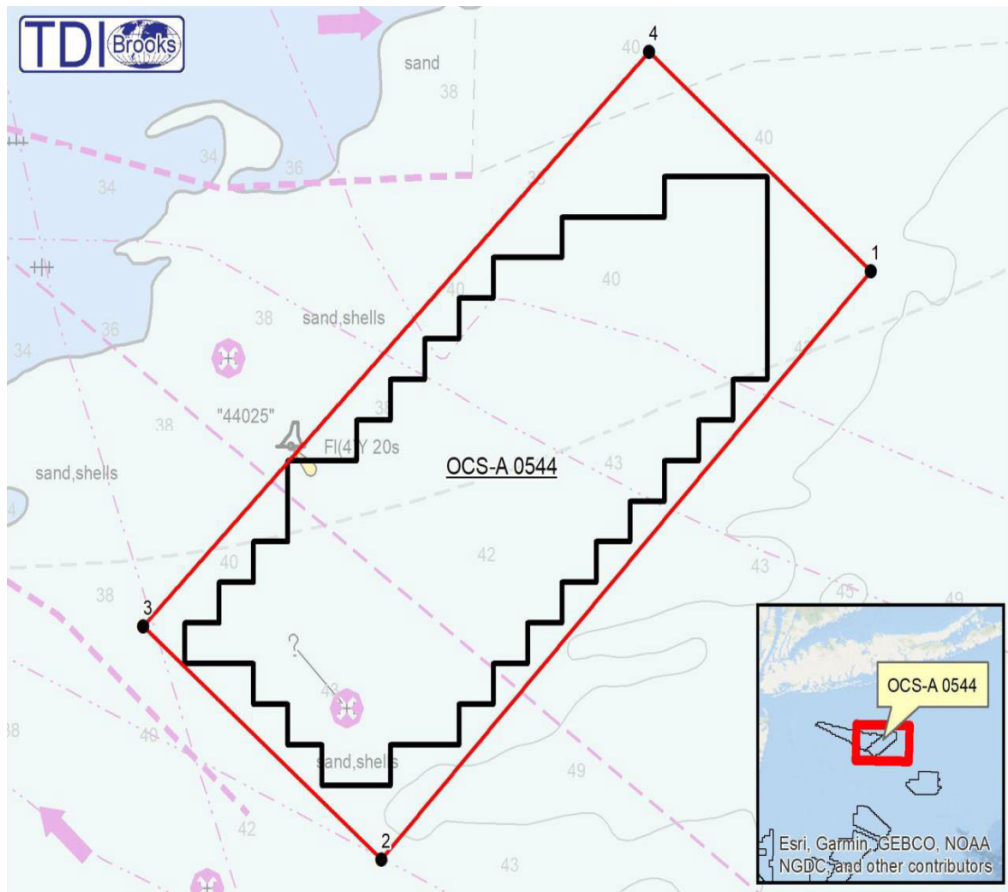
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**NY-OFFSHORE**-OCS-A-0544 TDI-Brooks International vessel RV Nautilus (Radio Call Sign: YJQA8) will be conducting geotechnical survey operations in OCS-A 0544 offshore New York from approximately March 15, 2024, to May 15, 2024, weather permitting. Vessel will have restricted maneuverability during survey operations. The Research Vessel Nautilus will operate in a planned area as shown on the attached chart. Activities will be conducted within the following way point coordinates: 40-17-36.312N, 072-55-27.084W; 40-8-25.44N, 073-7-48.288W; 40-12-14.04N, 073-13-35.508W; 40-21-12.528N, 073-0-50.004W. The vessel NAUTILIS will be working with restricted/limited maneuverability while keeping station deploying geotechnical sampling equipment. The master requests a CPA of 0.5 – 1.0 mile to accommodate operations and will be monitoring VHF-FM CH 13 and 16 for any concerned traffic. 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.



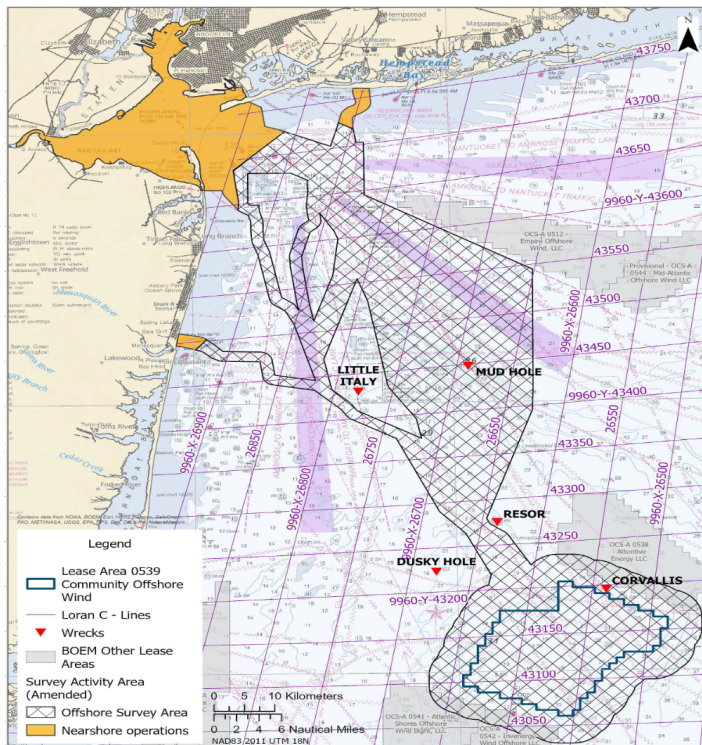
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ATLANTIC OCEAN-OCS-0539 LEASE AREA - Fugro USA Marine, Inc. will be conducting marine remote, seafloor mapping operations, originating at the OCS-0539 lease area and terminating in Lower Bay, Long Beach NY and Manasquan NJ, from January 31, 2023, to June 2024, 12- hours a day (see chart below). Equipment on scene will be the survey vessel WESTERLY, operating multibeam bathymetry; side scan sonar and will be operating at 3.7 knots, with towed sensors up to 425-feet behind the vessel and will be monitoring VHF-FM CH 16 for any concerned traffic. 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 Vessel Traffic Service Director. [Gregory.P.Hitchen@uscg.mil](mailto:Gregory.P.Hitchen@uscg.mil)

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## ARTHUR KILL

**Goethals Bridge** — Goethals Bridge across the Arthur Kill, mile 11.5 is in progress. Hours of operations are from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. At times, an underdeck traveler will be operating at various locations over the navigation channel. Mariners requiring full vertical clearance can contact Carlo Thompson via marine radio VHF-FM Ch. 13/16 or call 848-231-3359. This inspection is to be completed by March 31, 2024. Mariners are advised to exercise caution when transiting the area.

## EAST RIVER

**Brooklyn Bridge** - Bridge Rehabilitation – Construction to the Brooklyn Bridge over East River at mile 0.8 is in progress. Hours of operations are from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. No construction equipment will be operating in the navigation channel during rehabilitation. Mariners can contact Bill Ferdinandsen Resident Engineer at 347-242-6203 for construction status. This project is to be completed by May 31, 2024. Mariners are advised to exercise caution and reduce wake when transiting the area.

**Queensboro Bridge** – Replacement of Upper Roadways – Construction to the Queensboro Bridge over East River at mile 5.5 is in progress. All construction activities are on top of the bridge. Hot work operations will be performed through April 27, 2024. A safety boat will be operating IVO the bridge. Any questions regarding the construction please contact Anthony Grosso at 718-685-3990 or 347-242-6442. This project is to be completed by April 27, 2024. Mariners are advised to exercise caution when transiting the area.

**Throgs Neck Bridge** - Construction to the Throgs Neck Bridge across East River at mile 15.8 will commence on June 1, 2023. Contractor will be operating UBIU, Stripping Buggy, Two-Point Scaffold (for access to Piers), and push-boat outside the main navigation channel. Any questions regarding construction can contact Brain Patak via marine radio VHF-FM Ch. 13/16 or 917- 806-5874. This project is to be completed by July 22, 2024. Mariners are advised to exercise caution when transiting the area.

Construction to the Throgs Neck Bridge across East River at mile 15.8 is in progress. Temporary work platform will be installed under the Bronx and Queens approach spans. The temporary work platform will reduce the vertical clearance by 3ft max. (Including deflection) from the low steel of the bridge. Any questions regarding construction can contact Herbert Negron via marine radio VHF-FM Ch. 13/16 or 718-904-4364. This project is to be completed by September 30, 2024. Mariners are advised to exercise caution when transiting the area.

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**Whitestone Bridge** - Misc. Bridge Repairs and Painting – Repairs to the Bronx Whitestone Bridge over East River at mile 13.8 is in progress. Hours of operation are from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. A 40ft temporary work platform and traveler will be operating under the main span and will reduce vertical clearance by approximately 5ft. A safety boat will be operating IVO the bridge. Mariners requiring full vertical clearance can contact the contractor via marine radio VHF-FM Ch. 13/16 or call Resident Engineer Robert Leo at 929-690-1637 with one hour in advance notice. This project is to be completed by September 30, 2024. Mariners are advised to exercise caution when transiting the area.

Inspection to the Bronx Whitestone Bridge over East River at mile 13.8 is in progress. Hours of operation are during daylight hours. An under-bridge inspection unit (UB60) will be operating under the main span. Mariners requiring full vertical clearance can contact project manager Seth Medwick via marine radio VHF-FM Ch. 13/16 or call 917-821-9130. This project is to be completed by February 28, 2024. Mariners are advised to exercise caution when transiting the area.

Misc. Structural Repairs – Repairs and painting to the Bronx Whitestone Bridge over East River at mile 13.8 will commence on June 26, 2023. Hours of operation are from 5 a.m. to 3 p.m. A 290ft by 50ft, 55ft by 22ft and 120ft by 25ft barges will be operating at the Queens Tower. Any questions regarding to the barges please contact Resident Engineer Robert Leo at 929-690-1637. This project is to be completed by September 27, 2024. Mariners are advised to exercise caution when transiting the area.

## FLUSHING CREEK

**Northern Blvd Bridge** – Bridge Maintenance – Starting July 5, 2023, until December 31, 2024, NYCDOT will be performing bridge maintenance at the Northern Blvd Bridge across Flushing Creek at mile 0.4. During this work the bridge owner will install a work platform that will reduce the navigational channel 4 feet leaving the remaining vertical clearance at 32 feet MHW. Mariners with questions or concerns may contact David M. Hatherill at (330) 536-2133. Mariners are advised to exercise caution when transiting the area.

## WESTCHESTER CREEK

**Unionport Bridge** – Bridge Replacement – New York City Department of Transportation will be performing work on the fenders at Unionport Bridge across Westchester Creek at mile 1.7. Working hours are from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. From September 1, 2022, to February 13, 2023, to the south span will be erected. From February 13, 2023, to March 2024 the north span will be erected. During this time the vertical clearance will be reduced by 14 feet. A minimum of 10ft horizontal clearance will be maintained at all times. Mariners requiring full horizontal clearance can contact Abdi Hedayati at (347) 885-8613 or Rocco Cerami (973) 715-7820 or via marine radio VHF CH 13/16 with one-hour advance notice during working hours and six-hour advance notice after work hours. Mariners are advised to exercise caution and reduce wake when transiting the area.

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## HUTCHINSON RIVER

**Hutchinson River Parkway Bridge** - Bridge Maintenance – Maintenance of the Hutchinson River Parkway Bridge across Hutchinson River at mile 0.9 will be conducted between March 21, 2024, to May 30, 2024, between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Contractors will be utilizing a barge to conduct this inspection. Mariners requiring full horizontal clearance can contact the contractor via marine radio VHF-FM CH 13/16 or call (646) 879-4050. Mariners are advised to exercise caution when transiting the area.

## NEWTOWN CREEK

**Borden Ave Bridge** – The Borden Ave Bridge, mile 1.2, is closed due to vandalism. Vessels able to pass under the bridge in the closed position may do so. Mariners with questions may contact Keith Burrows at (212) 839-3741, NYCDOT Director of Bridge & Tunnel Operations. Mariners are advised to plan their transits accordingly.

## HARLEM RIVER

**Spuyten Duyvil Bridge** – Temporary and Permanent Submarine Cables Installation – Installation of temporary and permanent submarine cables to the Spuyten Duyvil Bridge over Harlem River at mile 7.9 will commence on June 20, 2023. Hours of operations are from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be waterborne equipment blocking one draw of a swing bridge at a time and the other draw will be free and clear of any equipment for the passage of vessels. There's a approx. 4ft horizontal clearance reduction in the north and south channels due to temporary cable duct along the fender. These ducts will be removed once the permanent cable is installed. Any questions regarding barge placement can contact Weeks Marine at (848) 304-2243. This project is to be completed by March 14, 2024. Mariners are advised to reduce wake and exercise caution when transiting the area.

**Broadway Bridge** – Emergency Bridge Closure – Broadway Bridge, mile 6.8, over across Harlem River was not able to open for marine traffic due to damaged electrical control system. New York City DOT is working diligently to repair the bridge. The bridge will be unable to open to marine traffic until repairs are completed. The vertical clearance in the closed position is approx. 24 feet at MHW. Vessels that can transit under the closed span may do so at any time. Mariners have questions regarding bridge operation information can contact Dennis Biegel at 646-689-6110. Mariners are advised to plan accordingly and exercise extreme caution when transiting the area.

**Broadway Bridge** - Bridge Rehabilitation – Construction to the Broadway Bridge across Harlem River at mile 6.8 is in progress. A temporary shielding is installed under the Broadway Bridge temporary shielding will reduce vertical clearance in the navigation channel by approximately 3ft 9in. A one half of navigation channel will be free of obstruction at all times. Mariners have questions regarding temporary shielding

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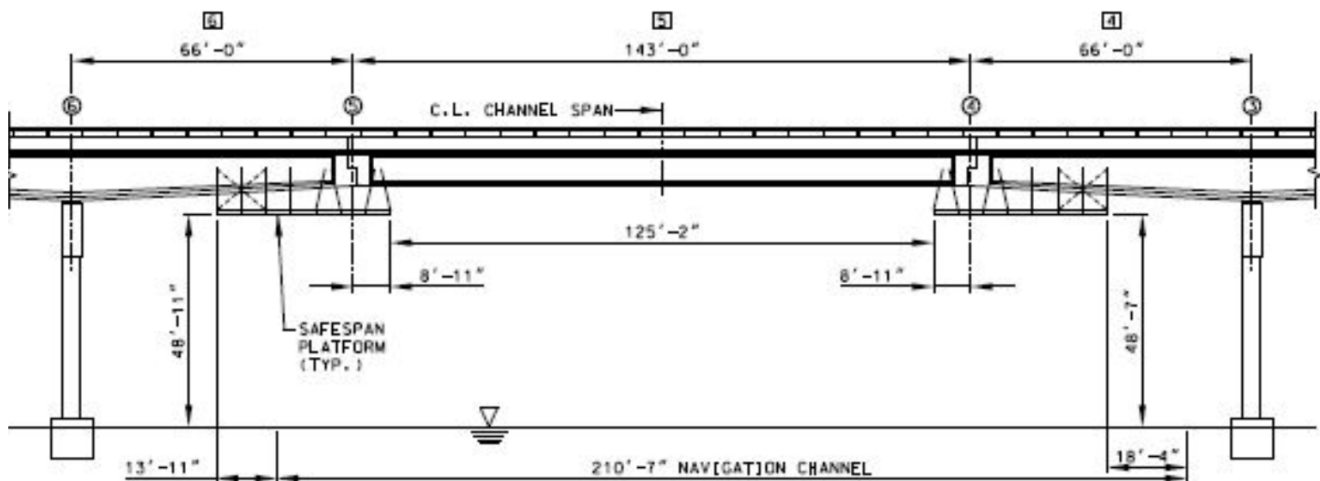
information can contact Bharat Patel via marine radio VHF-FM CH 13/16 or 718-440-6272. This project is to be completed by October 13, 2025. Mariners are advised to reduce wake and exercise caution when transiting the area.

**Madison Ave Bridge** – Electrical/Mechanical Rehabilitation – Construction to the Madison Ave Bridge across Harlem River at mile 2.3 is in progress. Any questions to this project can contact Kambiz Riazi at 646-246-6666 or Steve Koch at 908-723-4355. This project is to be completed by April 12, 2024. Mariners are advised to exercise caution when transiting the area. Chart 12342

**(RFK) Bridge** - Repairs to the 125th Street (RFK) Bridge across Harlem River at mile 1.3 will commence on February 26, 2024. Hours of operation are from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. A 120'x30' barge with tugboat will be operating IVO the bridge. Mariners requiring full horizontal clearance can contact Steve Zestanakis at 917-559-5526 or Brian Patak at 917-806-5874 or via marine radio VHF-FM CH 13/16. This project is to be completed by March 22, 2024. Mariners are advised to reduce wake and exercise caution when transiting the area.

## JAMAICA BAY

**Cross Bay Bridge** - Structural Repairs – From April 6, 2023, to November 30, 2024, MTA will install a temporary work platform to perform steel repairs at the Cross Bay Bridge over Jamaica Bay at mile 6.0. The current navigational channel is 210 feet horizontal and 50 feet vertical. This work platform will temporarily change the navigational channel. In the center of the navigational channel 125 feet of horizontal clearance will have full 50 feet vertical clearance while the remaining channel will be reduced to 48 feet, please refer to the diagram below.



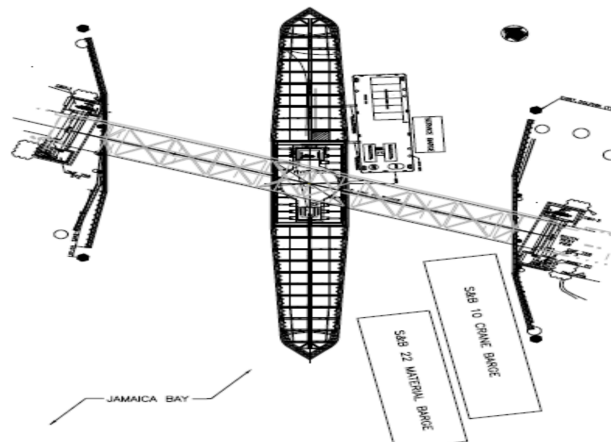
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**Beach Channel Railroad Bridge** - Structural Repairs – From March 4, 2024, to May 19, 2025, MTA will be performing rehabilitation to the Beach Channel Railroad Bridge across Jamaica Bay at mile 6.7. MTA will have spud barges will be spudded down in the south navigation channel. The north channel will remain unobstructed. The north channel is 101foot horizontal clearance, please refer to the diagram below.



## HUDSON RIVER

**George Washington Bridge** - The PANYNJ has resubmitted their proposal for replacing the moveable traveler beneath the lower level of the GWB. Work would take place from 01May2024-31Dec2029. The installed moveable traveler platform would **reduce the vertical clearance over the channel by 15 feet**. This work was originally scheduled to begin in 2020 but was delayed by the pandemic. Construction to the main cable rehabilitation and sidewalk modification at the George Washington Bridge across the Hudson River at mile 11.0 is in progress. There will not be any obstruction in the Channel. **Welding (hot work)** may be performed during working hours. The resident engineer or contractor will be equipped with a VHF-FM marine radio and will be monitoring Channel 13/16 during hours of operation. Mariners can contact Marc Helman at 212-435-6112 for construction details. This project is to be completed by February 15, 2026. Mariners are advised to exercise extreme caution when transiting the area.

**Mid-Hudson Bridge** - Hudson River at mile 75.6 will commence on June 12, 2023. A bridge traveler will be operated under the Mid-Hudson Bridge to perform steel repairs. **Mariners requiring full vertical clearance can contact the contractor** via marine radio VHF-FM CH 13/16 or call William Bruno at 518-378-1349 or Ronald Fernet at 518-488-1375. Winter shutdown from November 18, 2023, to March 17, 2024. **This project is to be completed by June 14, 2024.** Mariners are advised to exercise caution when transiting the area.

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**Bear Mountain Bridge** - Painting of the east and west towers at the Bear Mountain Bridge across the Hudson River at mile 46.7 will commence on September 7, 2023. There will not be any obstruction in the Channel. The resident engineer or contractor will be equipped with a VHF-FM marine radio and will be monitoring Channel 13/16 during hours of operation. Mariners can contact George Fong at 845-691-4077 for construction details. This project is to be **completed by November 30, 2024**. Mariners are advised to exercise extreme caution when transiting the area.

**Kingston-Rhincliff Bridge** - Bridge Steel Repairs – Repairs to the Kingston-Rhincliff Bridge across Hudson River at mile 94.3 will commence on June 12, 2023. All work is limited to bearing repairs on the west approach piers. These structures are on land and, no work or equipment in the waterway. For all construction related questions, please contact William Bruno at 518-378-1349 or Ronald Fennett at 518-488-1375. Winter shutdown from November 18, 2023, to March 17, 2024. This project is to be completed by June 14, 2024.

**Hudson (WOTH) Bridge** - Bridge Steel Repairs – Repairs to the Walkway over The Hudson (WOTH) Bridge across Hudson River at mile 76.1 will commence on June 12, 2023. A localized access platform will be installed the bottom chord near Pier 3 and will not reduce vertical clearance by more than 3ft-6in. For all construction related questions, please contact William Bruno at 518-378-1349 or Ronald Fennett at 518-488-1375. Winter shutdown from November 18, 2023, to March 17, 2024. This project is to be completed by June 14, 2024. Mariners are advised to exercise caution when transiting the area.

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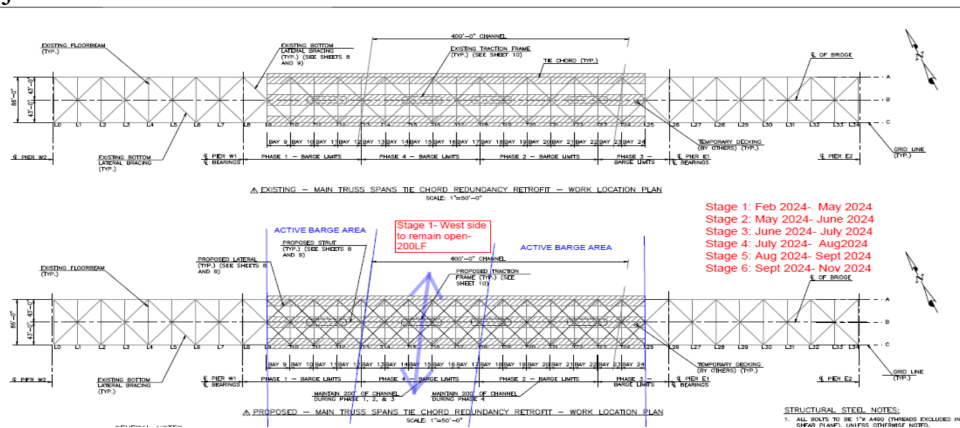
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## NEWARK BAY

**New Jersey Turnpike Newark Bay (I-78) Bridge** – Structural Steel Repairs – Construction to the New Jersey Turnpike Newark Bay (I-78) Bridge, across Newark Bay at mile 4.0 is in progress. Safe span platforms installed under the main spans and will reduce vertical clearance by 5 feet. On or about February 1, 2024, two spud barges and one push boat will be operating in the navigation channel to lift new structural steel and remove old steel from the barge to the underside of the bridge using a hydraulic tugger winch. A minimum of 200 feet horizontal clearance will be available in navigation channel at all times. POC for this project is William Ritter and can be reached at 973-390-7221.



## HACKENSACK RIVER

**PATH Bridge** – Temporary Interim Rule and **Request for Comments** – The Coast Guard is temporarily modifying the operating schedule that governs the PATH Bridge, mile 3.0, across the Hackensack River, at Jersey City, New Jersey. This action is necessary to allow the bridge owner to complete the remaining replacements and repairs. Effective from 12:01 a.m. on October 17, 2023, through 11:59 p.m. on January 15, 2024, the bridge shall open on signal provided at least a twenty-four (24)-hour advance notice is provided by calling the number posted at the bridge. The draw need not open for the passage of vessel traffic Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays, from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. and from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Additional bridge openings shall be provided for tide restricted commercial vessels from 6 a.m. to 7 a.m. and from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. provided at least a twenty-four (24)-hour advance notice is given by calling Port Authority Trans-Hudson, John Burkhard at 201-410-4260. Comments and related material must reach the Coast Guard on or before November 16, 2023. To view documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Type the docket number (USCG–2023–0794) in the “SEARCH” box and click “SEARCH”. In the Document Type column, select “Supporting & Related Material”. If you have questions on this rule, call or email Judy Leung-Yee, Project Officer, First Coast Guard District; telephone 212–514–4336, email [Judy.K.Leung-Yee@uscg.mil](mailto:Judy.K.Leung-Yee@uscg.mil) and [Donna.A.Fisher@uscg.mil](mailto:Donna.A.Fisher@uscg.mil). Mariners are advised to plan their transits accordingly.

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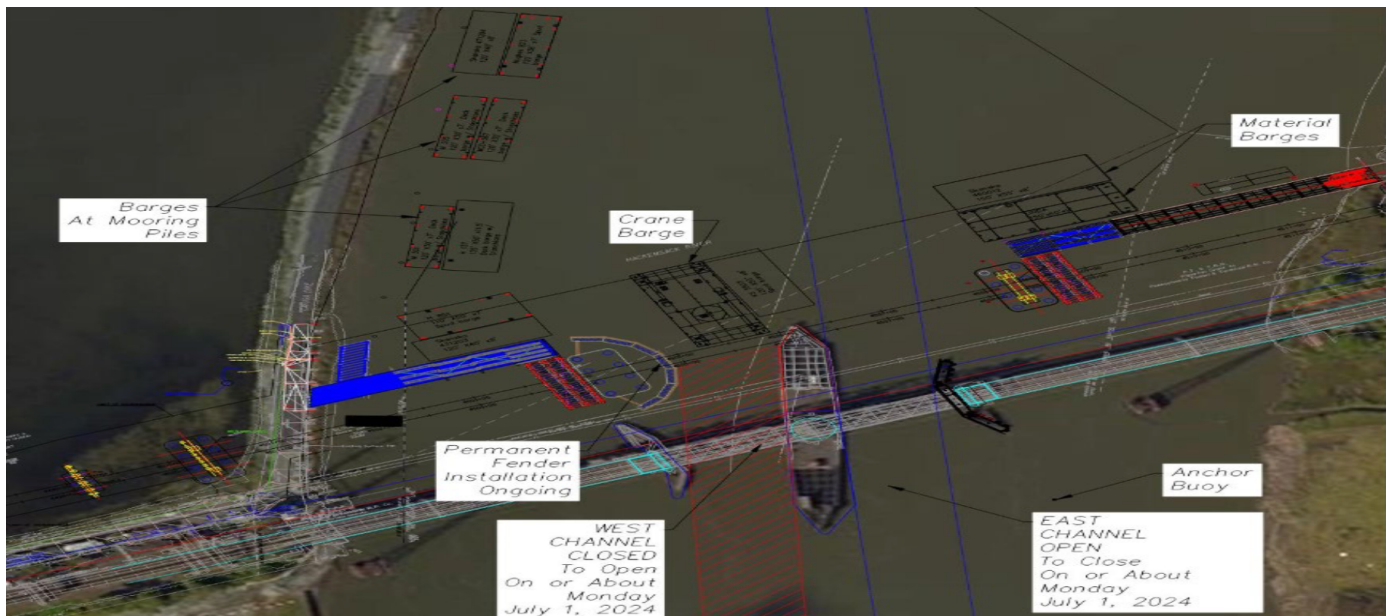


**Witt Penn (Route 7) Bridge** - New Bridge Construction – Replacement of the new Witt Penn (Route 7) Bridge across the Hackensack River at mile 3.1 is in progress. Contractors are working on the punch list. There is no barge equipment in the navigation channel. Mariners can contact the personnel below regarding the project: Alexander Garcia 646-431-2185 Vicken Bedian 347-680-5191 Jerry Yang 201-985-6 Evan Raab 201-359-0906 This project is to be **completed by January 31, 2024.**

**Portal Bridge** – Installation of temporary trestle and cofferdam, and testing borings to the Portal Bridge North, across Hackensack River at mile 5.04 is in progress. Hours of operations are from Monday to Friday between 6:30 a.m. to midnight. There will be waterborne equipment blocking one draw of a swing bridge at a time and the other draw will be free and clear of any equipment for the passage of vessels. Mariners can contact one of the three (3) provided telephone numbers/emails or via marine radio VHF-FM CH 13/16 advising of travel through the channel (including possible return trips):

1. Ernest Hamilton – Main Span Superintendent – (904) 451-2979, ehamilton@traylor.com
2. Martir Ortez – Main Span Project Manager – (562) 307-4916, mortez@traylor.com
3. Jim Hummel – Main Span Area Lead - (917) 417-4885, Jim.Hummel@skanska.com

Skanska Traylor PNB JV has been awarded the construction of the New Portal North Bridge Project (NJT Contract No. 20-083X, WBS No. GC.02) with a Notice to Proceed of April 7, 2022. Specific to the Hackensack River work, mile 5.0, the project consists of constructing two bridge piers, demolition of the existing center pier north fender, erecting three tied-arch spans of approximately 400 LF (1,200 LF overall), and demolition of the existing bridge once railroad traffic is switched to the new bridge. The current barges are in place as shown below:



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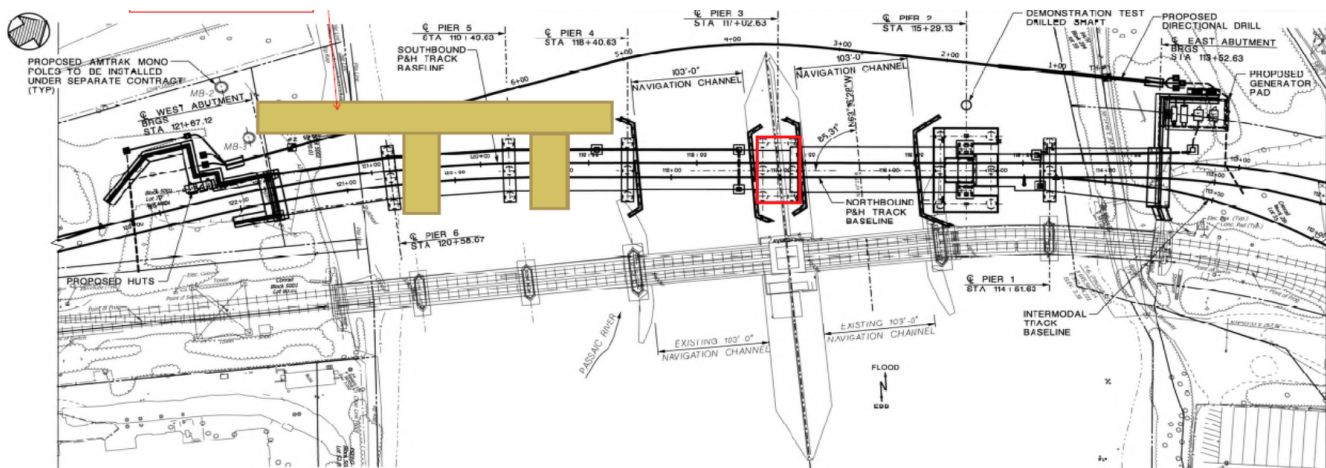
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## PASSAIC RIVER

**Point No Point Bridge** – Bridge Replacement – Installation of temporary trestle, test borings and partial fender removal to the Point No Point Bridge, across Passaic River at mile 2.6 is in progress. Hours of operations are from 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily. Construction equipment will be blocking one channel while working in the cofferdam. The contractor is requesting to coordinate with bridge operators/contractor well in advance for bridge openings during the construction period. For barge placement details please contact Dan Post at 732-751-2091 or 732-618-6117. This project will be completed by August 13, 2025. Mariners are advised to exercise caution when transiting the area and plan accordingly.



 - PROPOSED COFFERDAM

**DOCK BRIDGE** - Bridge Modification -The Coast Guard received a revised application from the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (AMTRAK) proposing to further modify AMTRAK’s Dock vertical lift Bridge across the Passaic River, mile 5.0, between Newark, Essex County and Harrison, Hudson County, New Jersey by removal of the fender system in addition to conversion of the bridge from a movable to a fixed bridge. Address comments to Donna Leoce, Bridge Management Specialist and forwarded to the office of the Commander (dpb), First Coast Guard District Bridge Branch, by email to D1Boston-Bridges PublicNotices@uscg.mil through April 7, 2024. The public notice which describes the proposal in detail can be viewed at:

<http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=pnBridges&Active=1&region=1>

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## RARITAN RIVER

**Raritan River Railroad Bridge** - Bridge Replacement – Installation of temporary trestle, test borings, drilled shafts, etc. to the Raritan River Railroad Bridge across Raritan River at mile 0.66 are in progress. Hours of operation are from 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Construction equipment are operating outside the navigation channel. For construction details please contact Chris Alves via marine radio VHF-FM CH 13/16 or call 732-614-7153. This project is to be completed by October 14, 2024. Mariners are advised to exercise caution when transiting the area.

**New Jersey Turnpike (Basilone) Bridge** - Deck and Structural Replacement –Deck and structural replacement at the New Jersey Turnpike (Basilone) Bridge across Raritan River at mile 10.2 will commence on May 26, 2022. A safe span will be installed under the bridge across the entire span which will reduce the vertical clearance by approximate 5ft. Please contact Daniel Weissman of D’Annunzio Group or Mike Norris of WSP via marine radio VHF-FM CH 13/16 or call 732-877-3894/732-934-7535 for bridge construction. This project will be completed by May 26, 2025. Mariners are advised to exercise caution when transiting the area.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Johansson

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