



Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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Ice Condition Update

Due to warmer temperatures, The Captain of the Port (COTP), Sector Delaware Bay has amended the Ice Condition for the **Upper Delaware River and New Jersey Intracoastal Waterway**. Please see the current restrictions that are in effect for the following areas, in accordance with the safety zones, identified in Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 165.550.

Upper Delaware River

The COTP, Sector Delaware Bay has set *Ice Condition One* for all navigable waters of the Upper Delaware River, **north of the Betsy Ross Bridge**.

The following restrictions are in effect: only steel hull vessels may enter, operate in, or transit the Upper Delaware River.

Delaware River

There are no Ice Condition restrictions for all navigable waters of the Delaware River, **south of the Betsy Ross Bridge to Artificial Island, in New Jersey**, including the navigable waters of the Schuylkill River, Salem River, and Christina River.

Delaware Bay

There are no Ice Condition restrictions for all waters of the Delaware Bay, **south of Artificial Island to the entrance of the Delaware Bay**.

Chesapeake and Delaware Canal (C&D) Canal

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has **lifted** all ice related restrictions for the C&D Canal. The canal dispatcher on duty should be contacted regarding conditions and requirements for vessels using the C&D Canal at (410) 885-5580.

New Jersey Intracoastal Waterway

The COTP, Sector Delaware Bay has set *Ice Condition One* for all waters of the New Jersey Intracoastal Waterway, including all tributaries.

The following restrictions are in effect: only steel hull vessels may enter, operate in, or transit through the New Jersey Intracoastal Waterway, including all tributaries.

This release has been issued for public information and notification purposes only.

Contact Information

Vessels prohibited from transiting an area listed above, may request permission to transit, a minimum of 24-hours prior to the transit, by contacting the COTP, Sector Delaware Bay via email delawarebaywwm@uscg.mil, or via phone at (833) 453-1007.

All requests must include the following information when requesting permission to transit:

- Hull type
- Main engine cooling system type
- Transit speed
- Date and time of transit
- Planned precautions being taken for encounters with ice

This Marine Safety Information Bulletin (MSIB) supersedes MSIB 10-26.

Additionally, mariners can utilize the QR code below to report ice conditions and submit a photo of the observed conditions.



If there are any questions regarding the information of this bulletin, please contact the Waterways Management Division at (206) 815-6688, option 3.

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Acting Captain of the Port, Sector Delaware Bay