



Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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DREDGING OPERATIONS WITHIN NEW CASTLE RANGE

The Captain of the Port (COTP), Delaware Bay, is notifying mariners of submerged pipeline installation south of the green "13" (LLNR 2740) buoy near the mouth of the C&D Canal to facilitate New Castle Range annual maintenance dredging. On May 5, 2020, submerged pipeline was installed outside the green edge of New Castle Range, extending south of the green "13" (LLNR 2740) buoy.

A floating pipeline will extend from the head section at the end of the submerged pipeline to the Dredge "ESSEX". The ESSEX will be dredging the lower end of New Castle Range. The dredge and floating pipeline may partially obstruct the entrance to the C&D Canal and also the entrance to Bulkhead Shoal Channel (Delaware City). See "Chartlet 1" as attached for a visual depiction of pipeline and dredge location estimates for May 5 and 6, 2020.

To facilitate safe passage of vessels around the dredge/pipeline and into Delaware City or the C&D Canal, the upper end of Reedy Point Anchorage should not be used for anchoring until the pipeline is removed.

Any vessel seeking to anchor within Reedy Point Anchorage should do so south of a line drawn from the "A" (LLNR 2641) buoy within the anchorage to the "WR10" (LLNR 2635) buoy on the east side of the channel to allow safe passage for vessels transiting the area. See "Chartlet 2" attached for a visual depiction. The red area indicates the portion of Reedy Point Anchorage where vessels should NOT anchor.

Concerned vessel traffic should contact dredge ESSEX via VHF channel 13.

If you have any questions regarding the contents of this bulletin, please contact the Waterways Management staff at (215) 271-4889 or the Situation Unit Controller at (215) 271-4807.

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Chartlet 1



