



Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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SHARK RIVER DREDGING PROJECT

On September 5, 2017, dredging will begin on a portion of the Shark River in Neptune City, NJ. The Captain of the Port, Delaware Bay, has determined that the hazards associated with dredge piping and dredge operations in the main navigational channel create the need for a safety zone to ensure safety of vessels transiting this portion and for workers engaged in dredging operations on the Shark River.

The safety zone will close the main navigational channel on the Shark River from latitude 40°10'54.20"N, longitude 74° 1'51.05"W, bounded by the eastern side of the channel and the western side of the channel, north, to latitude 40°11'6.87"N, longitude 74° 1'53.54", during times of dredging.

Dredging for the main navigational channel is scheduled from September 5, 2017, through September 23, 2017, only from 9 a.m. on Mondays through 9 p.m. on Thursdays. Entry into, transiting, or anchoring within this portion of Shark River during these times is prohibited.

The channel will be open with on-going active dredging operations from September 5, 2017, through September 23, 2017, from 9 p.m. on Thursdays to 9 a.m. on Mondays. During the periods when the channel is open mariners are urged to transit at their slowest safe speed, with no wake, no meeting or passing of other vessels, and proceed with caution after passing arrangements have been made. Mariners must communicate clearly, and in advance, with the dredge via VHF 6 and 13.

Mariners should also be advised that State Aids to Navigation (ATON) will be removed for the duration of the project. All mariners, including those utilizing human powered craft, should be especially alert to project pipeline routes and crossings.

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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