

Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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DIVING OPERATION IN MARCUS HOOK ANCHORAGE (CHANGE 2)

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The Captain of the Port (COTP), Delaware Bay, is notifying mariners that Commerce Construction will be conducting surveying and diving operations in Marcus Hook Anchorage No. 7 on the Delaware River, beginning on April 30, 2018 through June 30, 2018.


A safety zone will be in place in all navigable waters within 250 yards of the diving vessels, as well as any associated equipment operating in Marcus Hook Anchorage. The work will be conducted in the southern most portion of the anchorage on the eastern side, adjacent to the New Jersey Shoreline.

*****Due to the location of the survey operations, dive operations and the size of the safety zone, vessels will be restricted from anchoring in the southern portion of Marcus Hook Anchorage from 5:00 am on Thursday, May 10, 2018 until after sunset on Friday, May 11, 2018.*****

Work will be conducted Monday through Saturday beginning approximately 5:00 am through approximately 7:00 pm. Any vessel requesting to enter or transit the safety zone during these hours must contact the towing vessel JOKER or the towing vessel GRAPE APE via VHF-FM Channel 13 or 16 to make satisfactory passing arrangements. Vessels may also contact Sector Delaware Bay's command center via VHF-FM channel 16 to request permission to enter.

Vessels must operate at the minimum safe speed necessary to maintain steerage and reduce wake when transiting in the anchorage and main navigational channel in the vicinity of the safety zone.

Questions regarding the contents of this bulletin or expectations of the Captain of the Port can be directed to (215) 271-4807 or (267) 515-7294.


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