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MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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SEASONAL ICE PROCEDURES


(ICE CONDITION THREE)

The Captain of the Port (COTP) Sector Delaware Bay is notifying mariners that Ice Condition Three has been set for the entire Sector Delaware Bay COTP Zone, thereby cancelling MSIB #01-10. All masters, ship agents, and owners and operators of all vessels, marine facilities and marinas should review and adhere to the seasonal ice procedures listed below. These criteria were developed in partnership with the Mariners' Advisory Committee (MAC) for the Bay and River Delaware. Ship agents should generally act as liaison between the Coast Guard and their vessels.

- Vessel convoys will not be directed for ice or ice build of less than 2 inches, provided vessels can maintain headway. For ice conditions of 2 inches or greater, the COTP, in conjunction with the MAC, will consider implementing a plan that includes directing vessel convoys.
- Vessel moorings should be checked frequently to ensure the vessel is adequately moored.
- Vessels at anchor, when ice is present, should maintain their engines on standby at all times.
- Vessels at anchor should ensure that proper bridge watches are stood at all times.
- Vessel sea chests should be checked regularly for ice buildup and precautions should be taken to ensure that the sea chests are kept clear.
- The COTP Sector Delaware Bay may establish additional requirements for specific geographic areas of the COTP Zone if conditions warrant such restrictions.

Please refer to our internet website for additional information regarding ice operations within the Sector Delaware Bay zone at <http://www.uscg.mil/d5/sectDelawarebay> or by calling our Sector Delaware Bay Ice Line at (215)-271-4995.

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



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