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SAFETY ZONE PASSAGE INSTRUCTIONS

(OIL SPILL RESPONSE OPERATIONS T/V ATHOS I)

The Captain of the Port (COTP), Philadelphia is notifying mariners that a safety zone has been enacted in the Delaware River from the Commodore Barry Bridge to the Benjamin Franklin Bridge. This criteria was developed in partnership with the Unified Command for the T/V ATHOS I response operations to protect clean up crews from excessive wake caused by transiting vessels. All masters, ship agents, and owners and operators of all vessels, marine facilities and marinas should review and adhere to the procedures as follows.

-All vessels are allowed to transit the safety zone, but must minimize wake as to not affect clean-up operations.

-The COTP Philadelphia may establish additional requirements if conditions warrant.

If you have any questions regarding the contents of this bulletin or expectations of the Captain of the Port, please contact LTJG Munsch or ENS Barrett of my staff at (215) 271-4889.

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