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MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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NOTIFICATION OF A REGULATED AREA ESTABLISHED FOR THE LIBERTY GRAND PRIX POWERBOAT COMPETITION

The Captain of the Port Delaware Bay is notifying the maritime community of a Regulated Area that will be established on the Delaware River, between the Walt Whitman Bridge and Ben Franklin Bridge, on October 9th, 2005.

The Offshore Performance Association will be sponsoring a high speed powerboat competition on the Delaware River. The river will have controls established in an effort to provide safety for event participants, spectators, and commercial traffic.

On October 8th, between the hours of 12 PM and 3 PM, contestants intend to test their race craft on the NJ side of the Delaware River in the vicinity of the Battleship New Jersey and proceed north to the aquarium. At no time during the testing will the race boats be permitted to enter the Federal Navigation Channel. These vessels should not affect commercial traffic.

On October 9th, between the hours of 12 PM and 5 PM, traffic will be prohibited on the Delaware River between the Walt Whitman and Ben Franklin Bridges.

Mariners are reminded that this is a federally established Regulated Area and failure to adhere to the established rule may result in a penalty.

If you have any questions regarding the contents of this bulletin or the expectations of the Captain of the Port, please contact the Waterways Management staff at (215) 271-4889 or the Marine Safety Duty Officer at (215) 271-4807.

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