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## **MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN**

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### **FACILITY ACCESS GUIDELINES FOR THE PORTS OF THE DELAWARE RIVER**

We would like to inform the maritime community that the Captain of the Port Philadelphia, in conjunction with the Area Maritime Security Committee, has developed a set of guidelines and protocols that will effectively address the issue of facility access for the ports of the Delaware River. The guidelines and protocols are based upon the extensive research and expertise from members of the Area Maritime Security Committee and are in direct alignment with the regulations set forth by the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002 (MTSA). Attached with this MSIB are the following documents: facility access guidelines, facility access request notification, and the Seaman's Church Institute Ship visiting protocols. It is highly recommended that facilities, agents, and vessel operators follow these guidelines to bolster security and ensure the port is protected against possible acts of terrorism. If you have any questions or concerns with the proposed guidelines and protocols please contact the Captain of the Port Philadelphia at (215) 271-4983/4800.