

## Coast Guard establishes security zones during Papal visit



Approximate locations of security zones.

PHILADELPHIA — The U.S. Coast Guard will establish security zones on portions of the Delaware and Schuylkill Rivers during the Papal visit scheduled for Sept. 25-28, 2015.

Vessel traffic will be restricted while the security zones are in effect to enhance security for Pope Francis, other dignitaries, and the public attending events throughout the weekend.

The following security zones will be enforced:

1. Airport: Sept. 26 at 6 a.m. – Sept. 28 at 2 a.m.  
All of the Delaware River from the east end of Little Tinicum Island to the mouth of the Schuylkill River.
2. Schuylkill River: Sept. 25 at 6 a.m. – Sept. 28 at 2 a.m.  
All waters of the Schuylkill River from the South 34<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge north and ending at the West Girard Avenue Bridge.
3. Girard Point Bridge: Sept. 25 at 6 a.m. – Sept. 28 at 2 a.m.  
All waters from the mouth of the Schuylkill River to 500 yards north of the George C. Platt Memorial Bridge.
4. Benjamin Franklin Bridge: Sept. 26 at 6 a.m. – Sept. 28 at 2 a.m.  
All waters extending from the Pennsylvania shoreline to the New Jersey Shoreline, extending from 39°56'31"N south of the bridge to 39°57'23"N north of the bridge.

5. Curran-Fromhold Correctional Facility: Sept. 27, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

All water of the Delaware River adjacent to Curran-Fromhold Correctional Facility, in North-East Philadelphia, PA, bounded from shoreline to shoreline, bounded on the south by a line running east to west from points along the shoreline at latitude 40°00'54"N, longitude 075°01'00"W; then to latitude 40°01'15"N, longitude 075°01'19"W, and bounded on the North by a line running east to west from points along the shoreline at latitude 40°01'58"N, longitude 074°59'24"W; then to latitude 40°02'15"N, longitude 074°59'55"W.

Boaters should monitor VHF-FM channel 16 on the days of the event for detailed information on waterway closures or restrictions, and allow for extra transit time. Entering or operating in a security zone is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port.

“We ask for everyone’s cooperation in making Pope Francis’ visit a safe and memorable event,” said Capt. Benjamin Cooper, Commander of Coast Guard Sector Delaware Bay. “The Coast Guard is working closely with other federal, state and local authorities to provide for security during the event, while minimizing any adverse impact to those who use our waterways.”

For any additional questions regarding waterways during the 2015 Papal visit in Philadelphia, send an email to [Henry.G.Dunphy@uscg.mil](mailto:Henry.G.Dunphy@uscg.mil) or call 215-778-5843.

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