



MARITIME EXCHANGE
for the Delaware River and Bay

ALERT

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TO: Maritime Operations Committee
Maritime Exchange Navigation Group

The U.S. Coast Guard issued [MSIB 09-20](#) with guidance for vessel inspections, exams, and documentation.

During this National emergency for COVID-19 it is paramount that the Coast Guard safeguards the continued operation of the MTS to ensure our domestic supply chain continues uninterrupted. Commercial vessel compliance activities should, to the extent possible, continue so as to safeguard the MTS and prevent an undue backlog from causing future delays. To facilitate the safe flow of commerce, the Coast Guard will liberally use remote inspection techniques to verify vessel compliance and, if needed, defer inspections.

View the [MSIB](#) for the Coast Guard's current position on commercial vessel compliance activities.

For additional information, please use the following contact information:

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