LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS

District: 5 Week: 15/20

COASTAL WATERS FROM SHREWSBURY RIVER, NEW JERSEY TO LITTLE RIVER, SOUTH CAROLINA

The Local Notice to Mariners contains all information relevant to the waterways within the Fifth Coast Guard District and is updated each Tuesday on the U.S. Coast Guard Navigation Center website at https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/.

If you have questions about the Fifth Coast Guard District Local Notice to Mariners (LNM), please contact:

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All bearings are in degrees TRUE - All times are in Local Time unless otherwise noted.

AIDS TO NAVIGATION DISCREPANCY REPORTING
To report any Aids to Navigation discrepancies (missing, damaged, extinguished lights, off station), shoaling or hazards to navigation, discrepancies to bridge lighting, please contact the following 24 hour numbers:
1. For PA, NJ, DE waters, coastal and tributaries contact COGARD SECTOR DELAWARE BAY at (215) 271-4940.
2. For MD, DE in the Upper Chesapeake Bay and tributaries contact COGARD SECTOR MARYLAND NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION at (410) 576-2525.
3. For VA in Lower Chesapeake Bay below Smith Point Light and tributaries and VA, MD Eastern Shore Bay and coastal contact COGARD SECTOR VIRGINIA at (757) 483-8567.
4. For NC waters, coastal and tributaries contact COGARD SECTOR NORTH CAROLINA at (910) 343-3882.

REFERENCES
U.S. Coast Pilot 4, Atlantic Coast: Cape Henry, VA to Key West, FL, 2019 (51st) Edition.

NAVIGATION INTERNET SITES
2020 Light List/ Weekly Updates.

Bridges Public Notice Website.
https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/

NOAA Chart Corrections and Chart Viewer
http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov

Coast Pilots, along with corrections are available at

D5 LNM Archived Back Issues
https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/

Chesapeake Bay NOAA Weather Buoys
www.buoybay.noaa.gov

Tides, Currents, PORTS
http://www.tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov

Weather
http://www.weather.gov
****VA – WACHAPREAGUE - BRADFORD BAY CHANNEL - FINNEY CREEK – DREDGING****

The Suction Dredge Barge BEARING SEA will be conducting maintenance dredge operations in Bradford Bay Channel and Finney Creek beginning on or about April 18 and ending June 2nd, 2020. Dredge Operations will run 7 days a week, 24 hours per day. The dredge operator will monitor VHF-FM channels 13 and 16 for any concerned traffic. VA BNM 056-20

Chart 12289

****VA – ATLANTIC INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY (AICW) - DISMAL SWAMP CANAL – OPEN TO NAVIGATION****

Effective at 8:30 AM on March 31, 2020, the locks at Deep Creek, Virginia and South Mills, North Carolina will return to their normal operating schedule to accommodate vessels desiring to use the Dismal Swamp Canal of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway. The locks will be operated at 8:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:30 PM, and 3:30 PM seven days per week. The drawbridges adjacent to these locations will operate as normal and in conjunction with the lock openings. There will only be one operator at Deep Creek and one at South Mills, so the bridge will not be manned when the lock is being operated, and vice versa. Locks and bridges monitor channel 13. Vessels and crew entering the locks shall comply with the latest Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance related to the Coronavirus Disease (COVIDS-19). No one will be allowed to exit their vessels and crew must handle their own lines during lockings. The lock operators will provide a pole for lines as needed and will be standing by for any emergency situation. There are state and local government ordinances closing public docks along the waterway. Boaters should plan their trip accordingly. The above COVIDS-19 procedure also applies to the Great Bridge Lock in Chesapeake, VA at mile marker 12.2 on the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal.

The latest surveys of AIWW-Deep Creek, AIWW-Dismal Swamp Canal, and AIWW-Turners Cut are available at: http://www.nao.usace.army.mil/HydroSurveys/. Those planning to use this route are advised to refer to the Coast Guard Local Notice to Mariners, contact the lock operator at 757-547-3311, or call the Norfolk District office at 757-201-7642.

Chart 12206

****VA – JAMES RIVER – JAMES RIVER BRIDGE - MAINTENANCE****

An engineering firm, on behalf of Virginia Department of Transportation, will be performing maintenance of the US 17/US 258/SR 32 (James River Bridge) Bridge, over James River, mile 5.0, between Isle of Wight and Newport News, VA. The maintenance will be conducted from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Monday-Saturday; from 6:30 a.m. on April 6, 2020, through 7:30 p.m. on July 31, 2020. During the maintenance period, work barges, vessels, vehicles, platforms and lifts will be in and around the vicinity of the bridge and the small boat navigation channel. The work platform will occupy the small boat navigation channel, which will reduce the vertical clearance of the small boat navigational channel to approximately 19 feet above mean high water. The work vehicle will be performing maintenance on the lift span portion of the bridge from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.; Monday-Thursday; from 9 p.m. on June 1, 2020, through 5 a.m. on June 30, 2020. During work hours, the work vehicle will extend below low steel of the bridge approximately six feet, reducing the vertical clearance of lift span to approximately 54 feet above mean high water in the closed position. Vessels that require the work vehicle to clear the lift span to transit through the bridge navigation span should notify the work foreman no less than 10 minutes prior to navigating through the bridge. The work vehicle and work vessels may be reached on VHF-FM channel 13. The project foreman can be reached at (252) 305-1674 or (423) 494-0833. Mariners should use caution navigating through the area.

Chart 12248

****VA – APPOMATTOX RIVER – RIVER CLOSURE****

The L.E. Myers Co will be conducting transmission line replacement over the Appomattox River on 18 Apr from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. During these operations, the river will be closed. For more information or questions, contact LT S.E. Moore, Prince George County Police Dept at 804-733-2773 or 804-863-1849.

Chart 12252

****VA – OFFSHORE – CAPE HENRY – SURVEY****

UPDATED OPERATION DATES: The survey vessel SARAH BORDELON will be conducting surveys in the in the following areas until approximately 15 Aug 2020.

Center of main survey area stretches from 36 - 49' N to 36 - 59'N and 75 - 29' W to 75 - 13' W. The survey vessel will be mapping the seabed with hull mounted sensors as well as towed sensors. The vessel will be working with restricted/limited maneuverability with equipment in tow up to 1000 feet to the stern of the vessel. The master requests a CPA of 0.5 – 1.0 mile to accommodate operations. SARAH BORDELON will monitor VHF 16 & 13 during the survey. For more information or questions, contact Mark Maclean at 902-412-1780.