

NEW: MD - VA – Bridge Demolition Operations, Potomac River, Safety Zone:

To facilitate bridge explosive demolition operations at the old Gov. Harry W. Nice/Sen. Thomas “Mac” Middleton Memorial (US-301) Bridge, located between Charles County, MD and King

George County, VA, the **Coast Guard will establish a temporary safety zone for certain navigable waters of the Potomac River from 12:01 a.m. on March 13, 2023 through 11:59 p.m. on March 29, 2023.**

*** please note the original NTM said 2022, so I am unsure what the actual zone end date is. Please cruise safe**

The safety zone will cover two areas:

Area 1. All navigable waters of the Potomac River, encompassed by a line connecting the following points beginning at 38°21'48.14" N, 076°59'40.45" W, thence south to 38°21'37.90" N, 076°59'38.25" W, thence west to 38°21'35.18" N, 076°59'59.06" W, thence north to 38°21'45.57" N, 077°00'01.84" W, and east back to the beginning point, located between Charles County, MD and King George County, VA.

Area 2. All navigable waters of the Potomac River within 1,500 feet of the explosives barge located in approximate position 38°21'21.47" N, 076°59'45.40" W. All navigable waters of the Potomac River, encompassed by a line connecting the following points beginning at 38°21'51.57" N, 076°59'14.53" W, thence south to 38°21'41.35" N, 076°59'12.33" W, thence west to 38°21'37.90" N, 076°59'38.25" W, thence north to 38°21'48.14" N, 076°59'40.45" W, and east back to the beginning point, located between Charles County, MD and King George County, VA.

These coordinates are based on datum NAD 83.

The Coast Guard will issue a Broadcast Notices to Mariners via VHF-FM marine band radio about the status of the safety zone. The demolition operations will impede vessels requiring the use of the channel in this area. Under the general safety zone regulations in subpart C of 33 CFR part 165, except for marine equipment operated by Skanska-Corman-McLean, Joint Venture, or its subcontractors, you may not enter the safety zone described unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Maryland-National Capital Region (COTP) or the COTP's designated representative. **Mariners requesting to transit any of these safety zone areas must first contact the Skanska-Corman-McLean, Joint Venture designated representative, the on-site project manager by telephone number 785-953-1465 or on Marine Band Radio VHF-FM channels 13 and 16 from the pusher tug Miss Stacy. If permission is granted, mariners must proceed at their own risk and strictly observe any and all instructions provided by the COTP, Skanska- Corman-McLean, Joint Venture, or designated representative to the mariner regarding the conditions of entry to and exit from any area of the safety zone.** The COTP or the COTP's representative can be contacted by telephone number 410-576-2693 or on Marine Band Radio VHF-FM channel 16 (156.8 MHz). Those in the safety zone must comply with all lawful orders or directions given to them

by the COTP or the COTP's designated representative. The U.S. Coast Guard may be assisted in the patrol and enforcement of the safety zone by Federal, State, and local agencies. Interested persons can contact U.S. Coast Guard Sector Maryland-NCR Waterways Management Division at telephone number (410) 576-2519 or (410) 576-2693 or MDNCRWaterways@uscg.mil. Chart 12278 (*5th District LNM Week 08/2023*)