



WATERWAYS INFORMATION BULLETIN

General Information

The Coast Guard has established a safety zone on the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal and South Branch of the Chicago River between mile marker 319 and mile marker 322 Chicago, IL, in order to protect vessels and persons from the potential hazards associated with a rowing competition. This safety zone will encompass all waters of the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal and South Branch of the Chicago River between mile marker 319 and mile marker 322. This safety zone will be effective from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. on October 27, 2019. Vessels will not be allowed to enter, transit through, or anchor within this safety zone without the permission of the Coast Guard Captain of the Port, Sector Lake Michigan or a designated representative. Vessel's looking to transit the area please contact the Coast Guard Patrol Commander on scene via Channel 16, VHF FM.

Contact Information

The Coast Guard Captain of the Port, Lake Michigan or a designated representative may be reached by contacting the Coast Guard Lake Michigan Command Center at 414-747-7182 or via Channel 16, VHF FM.

Civil & Criminal Penalties

Pursuant to 33 U.S.C. § 1232 and 33 C.F.R. § 27.3, any person who operates a vessel in this safety zone without permission from the Coast Guard Captain of the Port or designated representative is subject to a civil penalty of up to \$94,219. Moreover, any person who willfully and knowingly operates a vessel in this safety zone without permission from the Coast Guard Captain of the Port or designated representative commits a Class D felony and is subject to prosecution in federal court. Each day of a continuing violation constitutes a separate violation.