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PORT OF BOSTON BULLETIN

Safety Marine Information Bulletin

Port of Boston
To all concerned:

The Coast Guard has established a Regulated Navigation Area for the rehabilitation project of the State Route 99 Alford Street Bridge. This Regulated Navigation Area encompasses all waters of the Mystic River between Boston and Everett, MA from surface to bottom, within 100 yards of the Alford Street Bridge.

This Regulated Navigation Area will be enforced starting 8:00 A.M. on December 28, 2011 until further notice. During this time the contractor, SPS New England, Inc. will be dredging a trench on the west side of the bridge and replacing the submarine cable. Upon completion of the submarine cable installation, the contractor will start construction on the southwest and northwest Bascule Spans of the bridge. During this time of rehabilitation the contractor will be utilizing a 80ft x 60ft barge within the navigational channel to support heavy equipment operations. The estimated time for completion of the southwest side is April 15, 2012 and the estimated completion time for the northwest side is May 29, 2012. Upon completion of the southwest side an update will be published on the restricted horizontal clearance and the scheduled openings for the southwest side of the channel.

Entry into, anchoring, or remaining in the Regulated Navigation Area is prohibited unless authorized by the Coast Guard Captain of the Port of Boston, or designated representative.

Emergency vessels needing to transit under the bridge shall contact the contractor, SPS New England, Inc. at 978-265-7263, and via marine radio VHF-FM channel 13/16 at least two hours in advance of the required opening.

The timeframes noted above may be adjusted to accommodate any acceleration or delay in the construction timeline. Any such modification will be disseminated to waterway users by the widest available means. Please be sure to regularly check the Local Notice to Mariners, Broadcast Notice to Mariners and U.S. Coast Guard Sector Boston's Homeport website for additional information for the Port of Boston.

Questions regarding this bulletin may be addressed to Mr. Mark Cutter at (617) 223-4000, or via e-mail: Mark.E.Cutter@USCG.MIL at U.S. Coast Guard Sector Boston.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J.E. SMITH".

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By Direction