



Coast Guard Sector New York

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This Marine Safety Information Bulletin (MSIB) suspends MSIB 2023-001, which outlined the applicability of the Port of New York boundaries.

The Coast Guard is committed to ensuring the Hudson River remains a safe, secure, and environmentally sound waterway for all users. Before engaging in the development of any new rules or regulations, the Coast Guard will engage all stakeholders and conduct these matters through a transparent process of public notice and comment.

The Coast Guard is aware of the public's concerns regarding anchoring on the Hudson River and intends to issue a Notice of Inquiry (NOI) in the Federal Register and undertake extensive public outreach opportunities to explore potential regulatory updates and limited access areas on the Hudson River. The NOI process enables the public an opportunity to provide input ahead of a potential rule, its implications, and potential alternatives.

The Coast Guard looks forward to engaging with all stakeholders and the public through the NOI process to gain an even better understanding of all the concerns related to the Hudson River. To support transparency and collaboration, the Coast Guard will:

- Continue to closely monitor anchoring activity in the Hudson River. When warranted, the Coast Guard will implement actions applying to specific vessel operations, as defined in Coast Guard Captain of the Port authorities through 33 CFR 160.111, when justified in the interest of safety and protection of the environment.
- Begin any rulemaking process through published Federal Register notices, and directly engage stakeholders. These notices will enable all stakeholders and the public an opportunity to comment on any proposed regulation, its implications, and potential alternatives.
- Carefully review all comments received and conduct a comments analysis before deciding whether to proceed with the rulemaking process or issue a new or modified proposal.

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