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MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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PEA PATCH ISLAND ANCHORAGE CLOSURE

The Captain of the Port Sector Delaware Bay advises all mariners that Pea Patch Island Anchorage (Anchorage #5) is closed to all vessel traffic until September 1, 2010. This closure facilitates dredging operations that are being conducted in New Castle Range.

Dredging in New Castle Range began on April 16, 2010 and is scheduled to continue until September 1, 2010. Mariners are cautioned that a combination of floating and submerged pipeline will be used. The dredge PULLEN and CHARLESTON will be standing by on channels 13 and 16 VHF-FM. Traffic should call 30 minutes prior to expected time of passage. Dredge operations are expected to continue 24 hours per day, until the completion of dredging operations. Mariners are urged to use caution when transiting through New Castle Range. Questions about the dredging or resulting anchorage closure should be directed to the Waterways Management Department by calling (215) 271-4889 or (215) 271-4851.



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