



Memorandum

To: Mariners' Advisory Committee Members and Interested Parties -----
From: Captain Drew Hodgens
Re: Meeting Agenda – **September 10, 2026**

Your presence is requested at the Quarterly Meeting of the above-mentioned committee on **Thursday, September 10, 2026 at 1100 hours.**

Agenda

I Approval of Minutes – from the June 2026 meeting

Introduction of all in attendance

II. Reports

- A. **Treasurer's Report** - Mr. David Monk
- B. **Membership Report** - Mr. David Monk
- C. **USCG Report** - Capt. Roberto Rivera
- D. **USACE Report** - Mr. Tim Rooney, Project Manager, USACE
- E. **NOAA Report** - Mr. Christopher DiVeglio
- Mr. Ryan Wartick

III. Unfinished Business - Lynn Cointot -Crab Feast 2026

IV. New Business

V. Open Discussion

VI. Adjournment

Next meeting: Thursday, December 10, 2026 at 1100 hours



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To: Mariners' Advisory Committee Members and Interested Parties
From: David Monk, Treasurer
Re: Treasurer's Report for September 10, 2026

Balance – from June 10,2026 **\$ 16,651.41**

Deposits (June 2026- September 2026)

Total Deposits during the period **\$ 1,235.43**

INCOME BALANCE **\$ 18,686.84**

Disbursements (June 12, 2025 – September 9 ,2026)

Popi's Restaurant	\$ 5,307.85
Email service (G-mail @ 3 months)	\$ 136.08
Email service (Twild- \$89.95. Per month @3 months)	\$ 269.85
PNC service fees (\$3.00 per month @ 3 months)	\$ 9.00

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TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS (June 10th 2026 – September 9th 2026) **\$ 5,722.78**

BALANCE as of September 9, 2026 **\$ 12,167.06**



Captain Roberto Rivera

Sector Delaware Bay



WATERWAYS MANAGEMENT

Marcus Hook Anchorage Reservations

Sector Command Center: Call to make Reservation 833-453-1007



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 **Next meeting is September 10th, 2026** | [Add to calendar](#)

Next Meeting:

-  Meeting is at Popi's Restaurant
-  Minutes From Last Meeting
-  Upcoming Meeting Packet

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 **Sector Delaware Bay - Philadelphia, PA** 21 active notices

Posted 09-08-2026 13:04

Marcus Hook Anchorage Vessel Reservation List

Please see the attached vessel reservation list for Marcus Hook Anchorage for the next 72-hours. This list is accurate as of 08SEP26 at 1200.

If there are questions or concerns, please contact the Sector Delaware Bay Command Center at 833-453-1007.

[View Attachment 1 \(.PDF\)](#)

 **MAC**

 **Maritime Exchange**

 **United States Coast Guard**

 **Army Corps of Engineers**

 **NOAA P.O.R.T.S. / Weather**

MAC Partners

Silver Run Cable Project

45' Channel Transition

Contact

Mariners Advisory Committee
c/o Maritime Exchange
240 St. James St.
Philadelphia, PA 19106



WATERWAYS MANAGEMENT

Marcus Hook Anchorage Reservation List (For the next 72 Hours)

This reservation list is accurate as of 08SEP26 at 1200

Control Number	Vessel Name	IMO #	Agent	Arrival Date	Departure Date
007-26	UNITY VENTURE	9773739	NORTON LILY	9/8/2026 0800	9/8/2026 1300
006-26	OSG 350	1223554	NORTON LILY	9/9/2026 1000	9/9/2026 2100
001-26	GAS STELLA	9765562	HOST	9/9/2026 1230	9/10/2026 0030

EVERY COAST GUARD MISSION BEGINS AND ENDS AT A SHORE FACILITY



Port Entry Light (PEL) Overview



U.S. Department of Homeland Security
United States Coast Guard

Disasters, Collisions, & Allisions



Mullet Key, Fl



Morgan Point Approach Inner, Tx



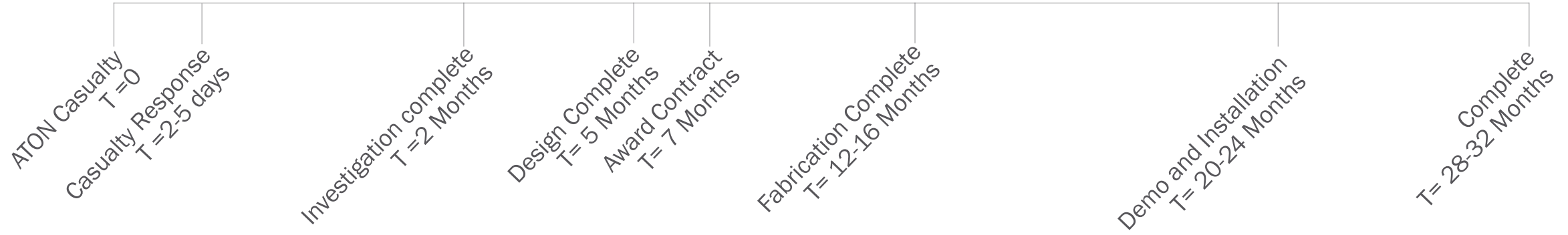
Port Arthur, TX

CASREP

Conventional vs PEL Rebuild Timeline

~All Dates are based on ideal conditions and may vary given the project~

Conventional Timeline



PEL Rebuild Timeline

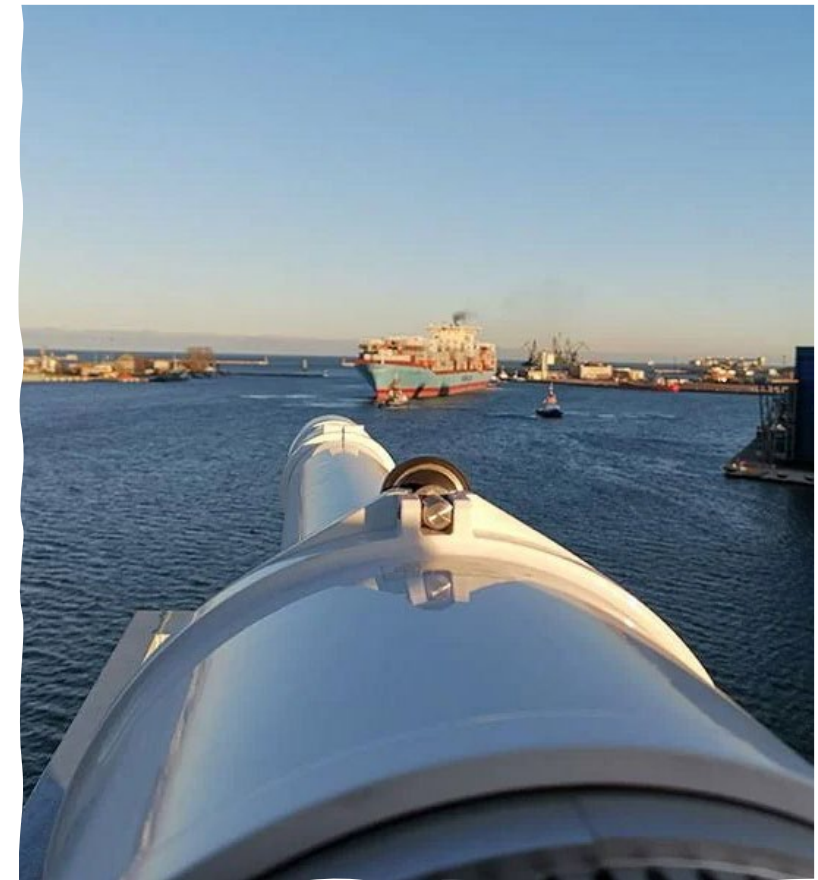


Possible time savings of over 1 year



Enter the Port Entry Light (PEL)

- A PEL light is based on a display of colors and flashes over a designated arc (Specific to each location).
- The variations of the colors and flashes provides the mariner a relative distance away from the center of the channel toward the outer limits.
- Allows the removal of a Range tower with the following benefits:
 - Reduced cost of materials in: Light signal, Solar panels, batteries, battery storage, tower, foundation, lease, MOA, Commercial Power
 - Reduced cost of Maintenance and cost of additional tower
 - Negative effect to the mariner when 1 range goes down.



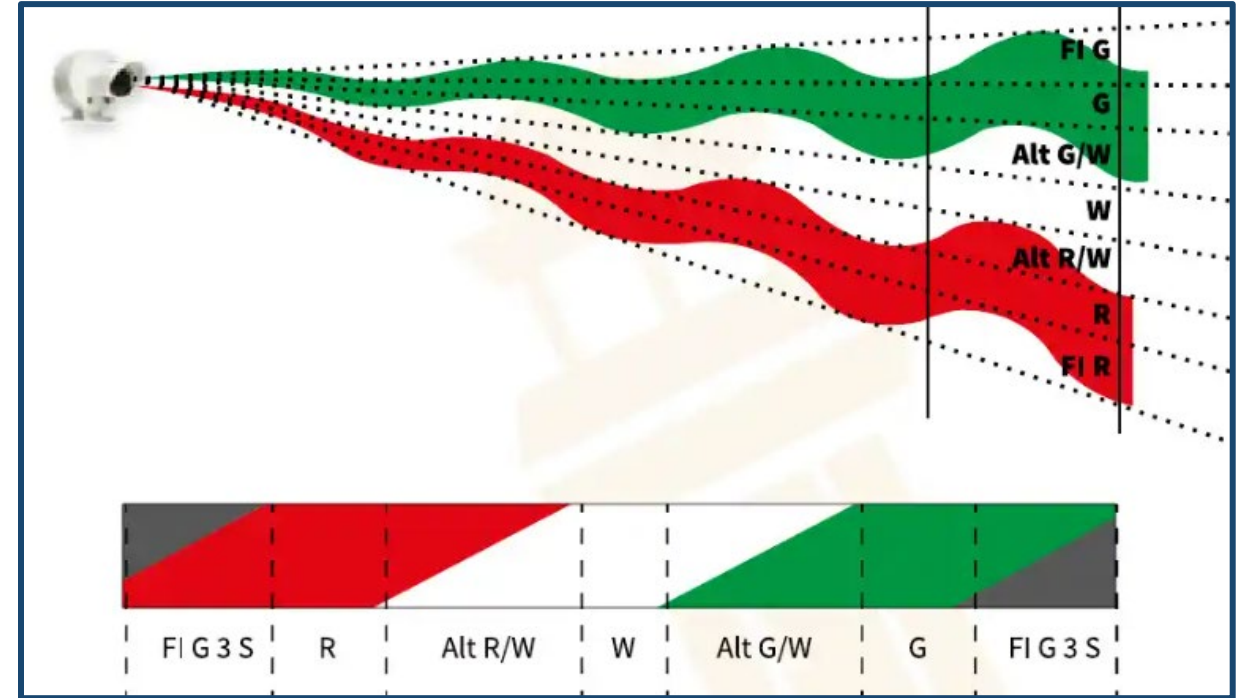
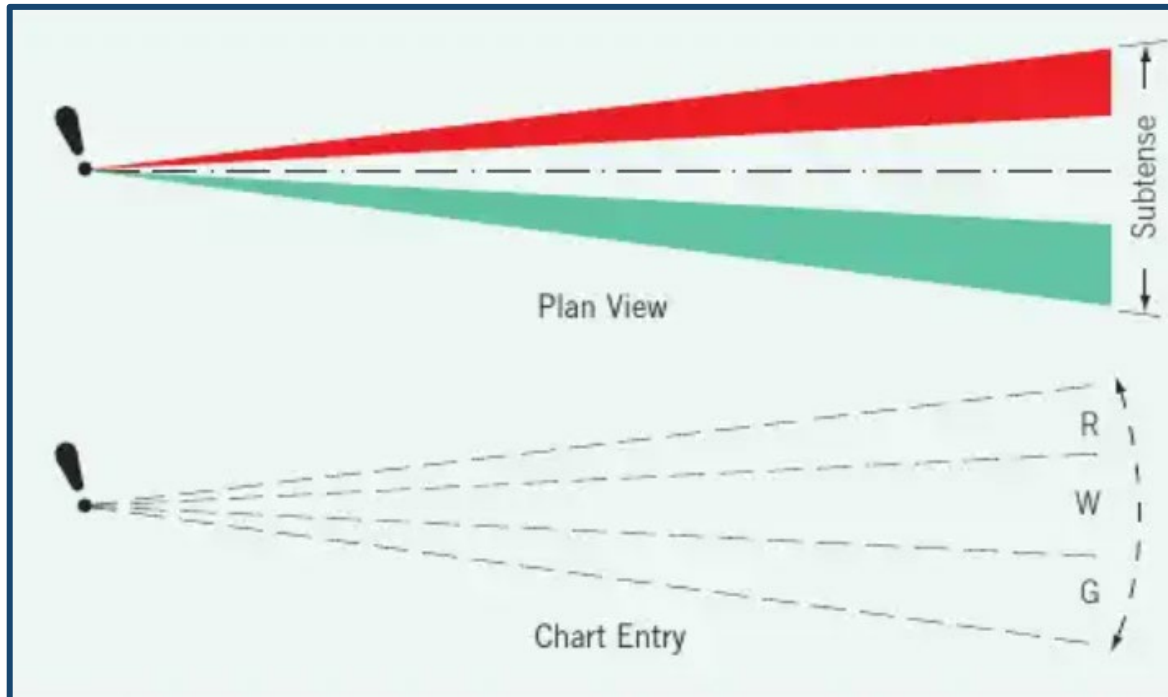
PEL History

Sector Lights – Navigational beacon that indicates hazards and boundaries based on the color viewed by the mariner.

White – Safe water

Red/Green – Traveling close to hazards or channel boundary

Sector Lights



Port Entry Light – PEL – A sector light with oscillation allows for more feedback for the mariner



Port Entry Light Variations



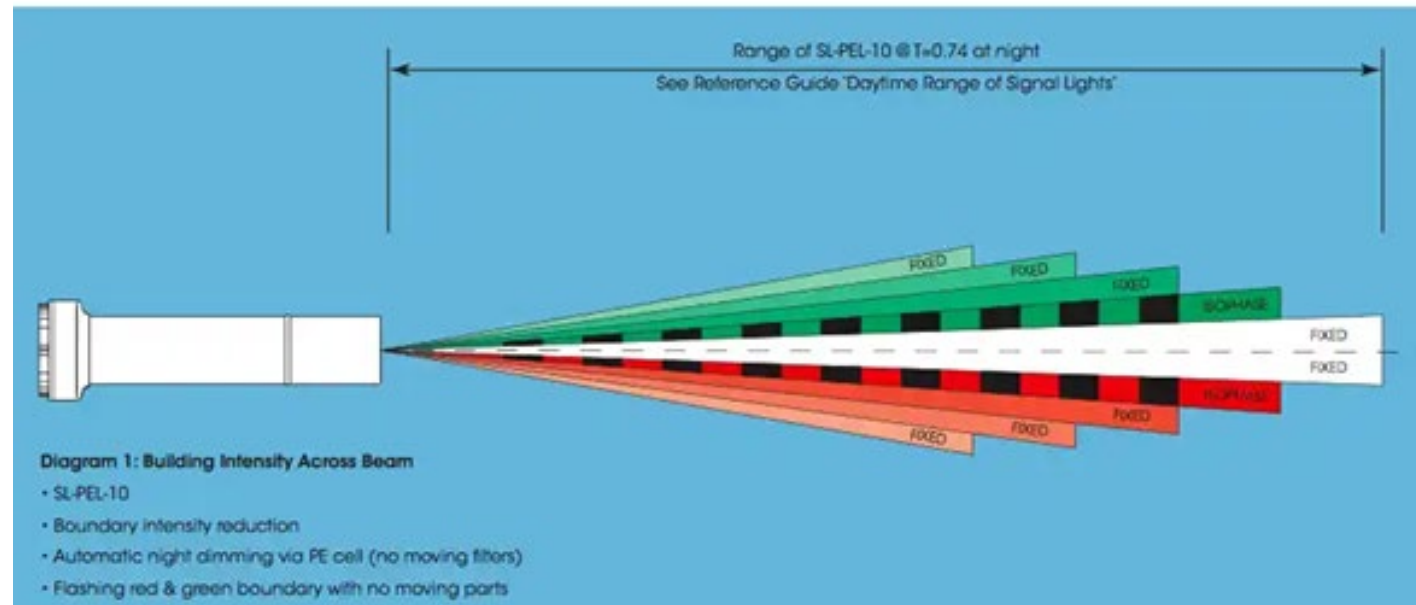
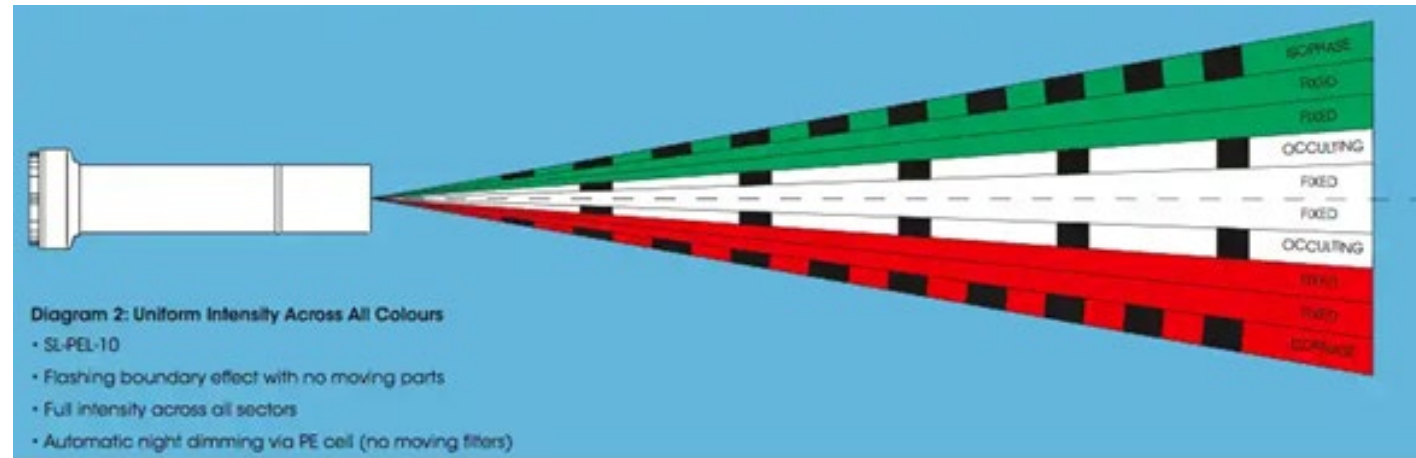
PELs are programmed to suit each individual geometric orientation and geological location.



Typically, provided to the supplier at ordering.



This allow for a contingency stock to be store at the warehouse.



USACE PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT

MAC MEETING

MAC Meeting Presentation

Timothy J. Rooney, Project Manager

10 September 2026

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Delaware River, Philadelphia to Sea

- FY25 maintenance dredging contract's last work assignment for Marcus Hook Range (MH) began 06Sept2026 by Norfolk Dredging Company (NDC). NDC is scheduled to continue Marcus Hook Range dredging until November.
- FY26 maintenance dredging contract was awarded to NDC and notice to proceed is scheduled for 01Nov2026. Scheduled dredging will begin with Wilmington Harbor, then Cherry Island, New Castle, Deepwater Point and then MH Ranges. This material will be placed into the dredge material placement facilities (DMPF), known as Pedricktown North DMPF and Killcohook DMPF.
- The Hopper Dredge McFarland dredging operations have concluded and the decommissioning process has begun.



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Delaware River, Philadelphia to Trenton

Dredging of the 25-foot project channel between Newbold and Biles Island as well as the Fairless Turning Basin (if required) is schedule to be conducted between 1 August 2026 and 15 March 2027.

Wilmington Harbor

FY26 maintenance dredging contract was awarded to NDC and notice to proceed (NTP) is scheduled for 01Nov2026 and dredging will begin in the Port tentatively December 2026.

Emergency Object Removal

Proposals were received and being evaluated through the best value/trade off contract acquisition process. It will be a 5 year contract cover all of the Delaware River channels, C&D Canal, Wilmington Harbor and Schuylkill River. Notification letters were sent to all offerors on September 8th with anticipated negotiations to occur o/a September 23rd and projected award if negotiations are successful by October 30th.



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EMERGENCY OBJECT REMOVAL



Object Removal Regions



- **Region 1:** All Federal waterways within circle between Biles Island PA and Wilmington Harbor DE. Circle Diameter is approx. 45NM.
- **Region 2:** All Federal waterways within circle between Wilmington Harbor DE and Artificial Island NJ including the C&D Canal and Chesapeake Bay to the Sassafas River. Circle Diameter is approx. 30NM.
- **Region 3:** All Federal waterways within circle between Artificial Island and end of Delaware River Federal Channel. Circle Diameter is approx. 50NM.



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C & D Canal

- NAP had bid opening on August 31, 2026 for the FY26 C&D Maintenance Dredging contract with the apparent low bidder being Corman Maritime. NAP is proceeding towards award with dredging anticipated to start in late Fall 2026.
- Summit Bridge painting and repair activities will continue through November 2026. An air gap restriction of 5ft is currently on the north half of the main span and unrestricted air gap on the southern side of channel.



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Salem River Dredging with BUDM Placement Completed August 2026

- Maintenance Dredging Contract awarded to Cottrell Contracting Corporation on June 16, 2026
- Dredging operation commenced July 26 and completed August 15, 2026 with a total gross volume dredged of 92,770 CY
- Contract work cleared fine-grained and sandy channel sediments and beneficially placed the dredged material in USFWS's Supawna Meadows to restore marsh, similar placement area as the 2024 operation
 - *Dredging included entire channel from Stations 3+500 to 25+174 to the authorized depth of 16 ft MLLW with 2 ft of allowable overdepth.*
 - *Turning Basin was included as a contract option but was not dredged due to cost constraints and need for more efficient placement area/method.*
 - *Environmental windows allow dredging between 1 July and 1 March of any year.*
- A new mechanical dredging contract for the Turning Basin will be advertised in FY27 with NEPA work starting for beneficial use placement at Tilbury Island
- Government Dredge Murden can be used for sand shoals in the bend each year with nearshore placement at Oakwood Beach



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NJ Intracoastal Waterway, Cape May Ferry Channel

- Dredging was completed in April 2026 by Barnegat Bay Dredging Co, Harvey Cedars, NJ. Maintenance dredging will occur again in the Cape May Ferry channel in Mar/April 2027.
- Government Dredge Murden may conduct some maintenance dredging at the entrance between the jetties in Fall 2026.

Maurice River, NJ

- Maintenance dredging of the Maurice River federal channel was last completed in March 2026 by Cottrell Contracting Corporation. Dredged material was beneficially placed for marsh rehabilitation within the adjacent Heislerville Wildlife Management Area managed by NJDEP.
- Infilling being monitored and some additional funds to dredge may be available in FY27.



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NOAA Physical Oceanographic Real Time System (PORTS®) Updates

Christopher DiVeglio
NOAA PORTS Program
September 10, 2026

<https://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/ports/index.html?port=db>



Quarterly Sensor Statistics

Air gap and current meter station instrument performance

06/01/2026 - 08/31/2026

Delaware Memorial Bridge Air Gap – 100%

Ben Franklin Air Gap – 100%

Reedy Point Air Gap – 100%

Chesapeake City Gap – 100%

db0301 (Philadelphia) currents – 68% (*redeployed 6/30*)

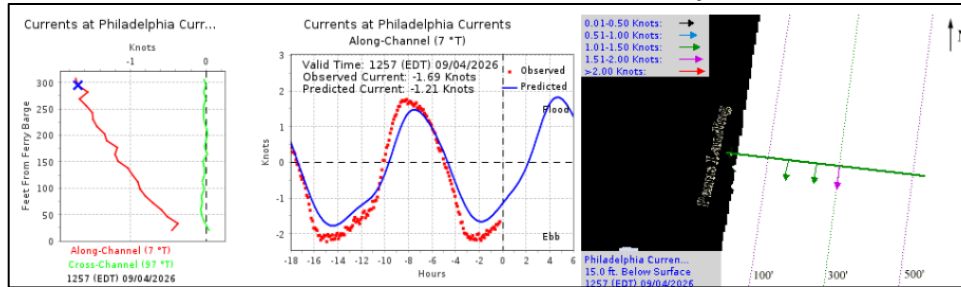
db0502 (Delaware Bay Channel LB10) currents – 67% (*intermittent data issues in Aug*)

- *Timeliness of data*
- *Quality of data*

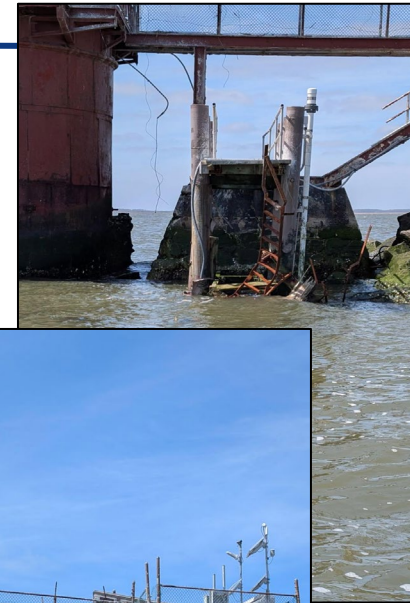


Other outage/ maintenance notes

- **Philadelphia (Penn's Landing) Current meter-** Sensor failed in April. Anticipated a fall reinstall with a data outage over the summer. Able to identify a spare sensor which was deployed on June 30th. Planned upgrade to the station are still planned before the end of the year.

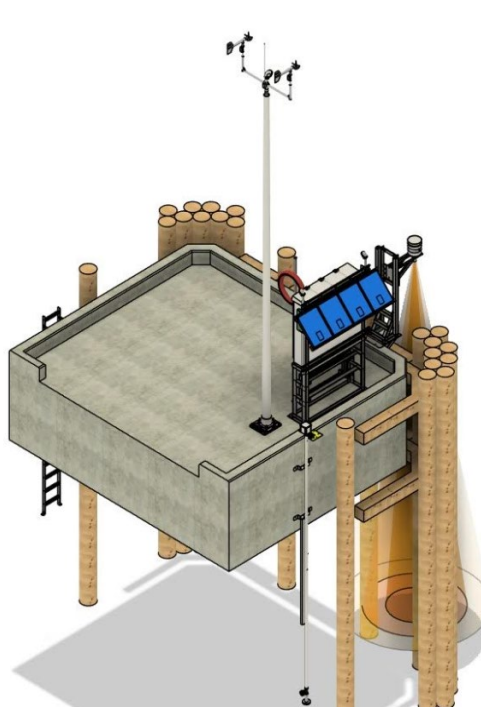
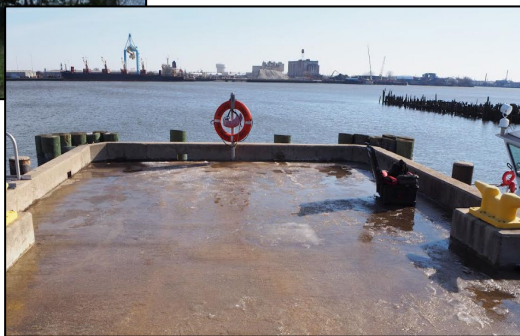


- **Ship John Shoal water level/ meteorological:** USCG informed NOAA that they are working with District the arrange external contractor to conduct repairs. NOAA contractors cannot access the WL/ MET station until the repairs are completed.
- **Planned scheduled maintenance between Sept and Nov at:** Burlington, Marcus Hook, Bridesburg, Newbold, Delaware City and Brandywine Shoal water level/met stations.



Philadelphia USCG station - planned rebuild

- NOAA managed National Water Level Observation Network (NWLON) station
- **Rebuild postponed to March 2026**
- USCG approved permit for relocation
- Upgrades to water level sensor technology





Questions?

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Crab Feast

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2026

GOLF OUTING

8:00 AM Shotgun Start
Springfield Country Club
400 W Sproul Rd,
Springfield, PA 19064

Includes light breakfast buffet

Please arrive 15 minutes early.

Crab Feast

12:00 Noon- 6:00PM
Fort Mifflin
6400 Hog Island Rd,
Philadelphia, PA 19153

Crab Feast~ \$110.00

Individual Golf~ \$180.00

(Combo) Crab Feast & Golf Outing~ \$290.00

Crab Feast & Golf Foursome~ \$1150.00

Hole Sponsor~ \$130.00

Reservations by September 4th

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