
Harbor Safety, Operations and Navigation Committee of the Port of NY and NJ- Deep Draft Working Group

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Port Of New York and New Jersey NAVIGATIONAL NOTICE

Arthur Kill Channel – Draft Restrictions

Recent surveys have identified shoaling in the Arthur Kill. Based on the latest available survey data, the minimum depth throughout the channel is 34' feet at Mean Low Water (MLW).

Effective immediately, vessel movements within the Arthur Kill (Northway) are restricted as follows:

- Permissible Draft: 32 feet plus tidal rise.
- Maximum Allowable Draft: 36 feet
- (60 day window-date of publication) Vessels currently en route for this destination with a draft over 36 feet shall utilize a third tugboat.

Mariners are advised to exercise caution and plan transits in accordance with the above restrictions.

Respectfully,

Deep Draft Committee

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