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COAST GUARD ADVISORY NOTICE (CGAN 2026-003)

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Re: Ice Breaking Advisory – Regulated Navigation Area

This advisory addresses deteriorating ice conditions on the Hudson River. As of today, February 01, 2026, ice thickness on sections of the Hudson River has now reached an average of eight inches. Due to the increased ice accumulation, 33 Code of Federal Regulations 165.165 is now effective for the portion of the Hudson River between the Tappan Zee/Governor Cuomo Bridge and Dunn Memorial Bridge, which states vessels of less than 3,000 HP engaged in towing operations are not authorized to transit unless specifically authorized by the Captain of the Port New York. All vessels less than 3,000 HP engaged in towing operations planning to transit this area shall contact Sector New York Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) at (718) 354-4088.

Mariners are encouraged to review the “2025-2026 Ice Season” (CGAN 2025-036) advisory regarding the process for checking into the VTS during this period. The Coast Guard Domestic Ice Breaking Team would also like to thank all the operators and users in the Port of New York and New Jersey, and on the Hudson River for their coordination and communications this winter. Many vessels are already coordinating with and notifying the Vessel Traffic Service of northbound and southbound Hudson River transits. Early communication of planned transits improves overall safety and awareness for all stakeholders and on-scene assets using the Hudson River, and is greatly appreciated.

Please contact Coast Guard Sector New York at the below contact information should you have any questions.

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