



WATERWAYS INFORMATION BULLETIN

General Information

On March 11, 2023, the Coast Guard will enforce a safety zone on the main branch of the Chicago River in Chicago, IL, to protect personnel, vessels, and the marine environment from potential hazards created by the Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade Dyeing of the River event. The safety zone will encompass all waters of the Chicago River between the N. Columbus Driver Bridge and the Franklin-Orleans Street Bridge (see chartlet below). The safety zone will be in effect from 9:30 am until 11:30 am. During the enforcement period, entry into, transiting, or anchoring within the safety zone is prohibited unless authorized by the Coast Guard Captain of the Port Lake Michigan or their designated representative.

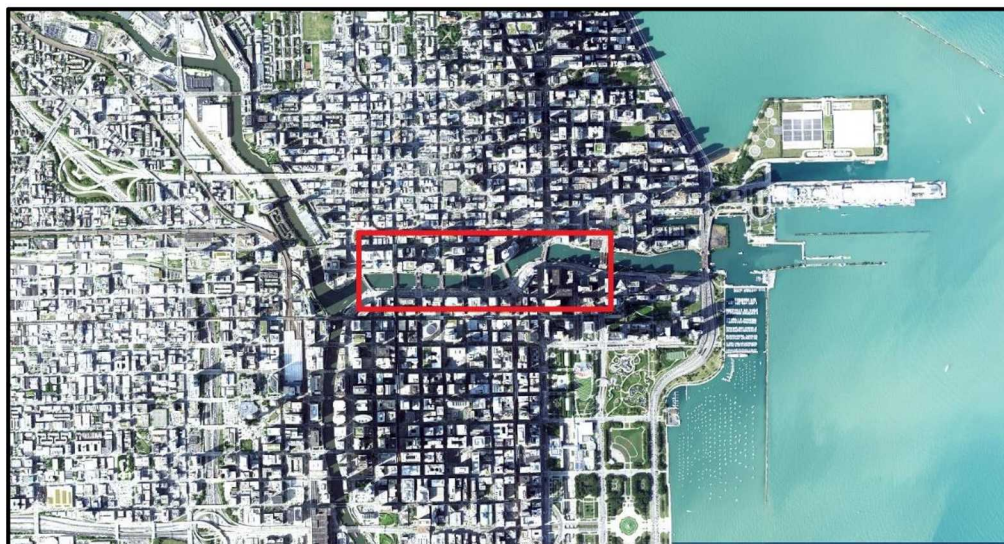
Contact Information

The Coast Guard Captain of the Port Lake Michigan or their designated representative may be reached by contacting the Coast Guard Sector Lake Michigan Command Center at (414) 747-7182 or via VHF-FM channel 16.

Civil and Criminal Penalties

Pursuant to 46 U.S.C. § 70036(a) and 33 C.F.R. § 27.3, any person who operates a vessel in this safety zone without permission from the Coast Guard Captain of the Port Lake Michigan or a designated representative is subject to a civil penalty of up to \$103,050. Moreover, any person who willfully and knowingly operates a vessel in this safety zone without permission from the Coast Guard Captain of the Port or a designated representative is a Class D felony and is subject to prosecution in federal court. Each day of a continuing violation constitutes a separate violation.

Chartlet



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 Safety Zone