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Dear Subscriber,

This includes updated tug escort information:

The U.S. Coast Guard Captain of the Port has reopened the Fort McHenry Channel to commercial vessel traffic for 24-hour availability. This channel has been fully restored to its original depth of 50-feet, its 700-foot horizontal clearance, and a vertical clearance of 214-feet due to the adjacent BGE powerlines.

Tug escorts are at the discretion of the attending pilot until all salvage operations are complete within the area. The Temporary Alternate Channels remain open and available for use until approximately June 30th, the conclusion of all on water salvage and survey operations relating to the Key Bridge Response.

Temporary Alternate Channels:

- Fort Carroll Temporary Alternate Channel remains open 24-hours daily to non-deep draft commercial vessels with a controlling depth of 20 ft, a 300-ft horizontal clearance, and vertical clearance of 135 ft.
- Hawkins Point Temporary Alternate Channel remains open 24-hours daily to non-deep draft commercial vessels with a controlling depth of 14 ft, a 280-ft horizontal clearance, and vertical clearance of 124 ft.
- Sollers Point Temporary Alternate Channel remains open 24-hours daily to all traffic, to include recreational vessels, with a controlling depth of 11 ft, a 264-ft horizontal clearance, and vertical clearance of 95 ft.

Francis Scott Key Bridge Safety Zone:

The safety zone established for all navigable waters of the Chesapeake Bay within a 2,000-yard radius of the Francis Scott Key Bridge remains in effect and is intended to protect personnel, vessels, and the marine environment. Except for vessels transiting in one of the four marked channels, no vessel or person will be permitted to enter the safety zone without first obtaining permission from the Coast Guard.

- The Maryland Pilots will continue their regular coordination of deep draft traffic and are available at (410) 342-6013.
- All vessels transiting the safety zone must remain within the marked channels and well clear of vessels engaged in salvage and safety operations.

We thank Governor Wes Moore for his strong and unwavering leadership throughout this crisis.

We thank the Unified Command, especially the Coast Guard and Army Corps of Engineers, for their tireless and incredible work to reopen our full channel safely and much faster than was first expected.

We thank our valued business partners for your loyal and continued support.

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