



WATERWAYS INFORMATION BULLETIN

General Information

The Coast Guard has established a safety zone on the Main Branch of the Chicago River, Chicago, IL, in order to protect vessels and persons from the potential hazards associated with the filming of a commercial. The safety zone will encompass all waters of the Main Branch of the Chicago River, from the Clark Street Bridge to the Wells Street Bridge. This safety zone will be intermittently enforced from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on August 17, 2015 with a rain date of August 18, 2015. Vessels will not be allowed to enter, transit through, or anchor within the safety zone without the permission of the Coast Guard Captain of the Port Lake Michigan or a designated representative.

Contact Information

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

Civil & Criminal Penalties

Pursuant to 33 U.S.C. § 1232 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 or designated representative is subject to a civil penalty of up to \$40,000. 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 designated representative commits a Class D felony and is subject to prosecution in federal court. Each day of a continuing violation constitutes a separate violation.