

U.S. Coast Guard Guide for Recreational Boaters during Sail Boston 2009

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To ensure the safety of participating vessels and spectator craft during events associated with Sail Boston 2009, the U. S. Coast Guard will establish a temporary regulation in Boston Inner Harbor for the duration of the event. Vessel movement restrictions will be in effect from 3:00 p.m. July 6 thru 6:00 p.m. July 13.

Spectator Anchorages:

Tall Ships will arrive over the course of 3-days from July 6 to July 8. There is no scheduled arrival or Parade of Sail therefore temporary spectator anchorages will NOT be established within the port for this event.

Tall Ships Mooring Locations:

1. Seaport District at World Trade Center and Fish Pier
2. Charlestown Navy Yard District at Piers 1 and 4
3. Inner Harbor District at Battery Wharf and Rowe's Wharf
4. Boston Harbor Shipyard and Marina in East Boston
5. Moakley Court House Dock
6. Outer Harbor at Cottage Park in Winthrop

Inner Harbor Vessel Traffic Flow:

Counterclockwise from the East Boston Harbor Shipyard & Marina, up to Charlestown Navy Yard, then back down along Boston proper to Battery Wharf, then Rowe's Wharf, across Fort Point Channel to Moakley Courthouse Harbor Dock, then to the Fan Pier and finally the Seaport District before back up to Boston Harbor Shipyard & Marina.

Spectator vessels wanting to view the moored Tall Ships will be directed to:

- Wait in line and follow the counterclockwise traffic flow.
- Keep a distance of at least 50 yards from the Tall Ships.
- Proceed at a no wake speed not to exceed 5 miles per hour.
- Remain clear of vessel traffic within the navigation channel.
- Not block the entrance to the upper harbor leading to the Mystic and Chelsea Rivers.
- Remain clear of ferry routes.

Additional Instructions for the Seaport District (in between World Trade Center and the Fish Pier):

- **ALL** vessels, other than those that normally berth at World Trade Center and Fish Pier, must wait in line for their turn to enter the waterway.
- Access to this waterway will be from 8:00 am to 11:00 pm. On-scene patrol personnel will deny access to this location after 11:00 pm. or before 8:00 am.
- Spectator Vessel Size Restrictions:
 - Vessels with an overall length equal to or less than 125 feet are allowed to enter the channel without further restrictions after waiting in line.
 - Vessels with an overall length greater than 125 feet have restricted access in that these vessels must proceed alone into the channel with no other vessel. These vessels will wait in line and once their turn is up, on-scene patrol personnel will ensure the channel is clear before granting access.

During the event spectator vessels should monitor VHF Channel 13 for important notices regarding this vessel traffic management plan.

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Boating Safety Do's and Don'ts

- **Do** follow the directions of on-scene patrol personnel
- **Do** bring plenty of water, food, any required medications, first aid kits, hats, sunscreen, adequate fuel and appropriate clothing for any weather.
- **Do** ensure adequate sanitary facilities on your boat.
- **Do** bring plenty of patience. Anticipate long lines of spectator vessels in queue to get a closer look of the Tall Ships.
- **Do** be considerate of other spectator craft and Tall Ships.
- **Do** stay clear of Ferry Crossing Points and the Inner Harbor navigation channel.
- **Do** remain within the traffic lane for viewing the vessels. The traffic lane is located 50 yards from moored Tall Ships.
- **Do** have all required life jackets on board. Children under 12 **MUST** wear a USCG approved life jacket.
- **Do** file a Float Plan.
- **Do** have a designated driver, drink responsibly.

- **Don't** operate a vessel while impaired, or under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- **Don't** use the radio if at all possible. There will be an enormous demand on common marine band radio frequencies. It is mandatory that channel 16 remain clear for emergencies. Monitor channel 13 for further instructions regarding the vessel traffic flow.
- **Don't** attempt to approach the USS CONSTITUTION or CGC EAGLE.

Enclosures: (1) Boston Inner Harbor chartlet*
 (2) Area 1 Seaport District chartlet *
 (3) Area 2 Charlestown Navy Yard chartlet *
 (4) Area 3 Inner Harbor with Battery and Rowe's Wharf chartlet *
 (5) Area 4 Fan Pier & Courthouse chartlet *
 (6) Area 5 East Boston chartlet *

** Note: These chartlets are not to scale and should not be used for navigation purposes.*

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