



Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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WACCAMAW RIVER AND GREAT PEE DEE RIVER SAFETY ZONE GEORGETOWN, SC

UPDATE: The Captain of the Port (COTP) Charleston and SC Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) have modified the safety zone as follows:

The safety zone includes all waters of the Waccamaw River along the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (AICW) from Sandy Island north to the Socastee Swing Bridge (AICW statute mile marker 390 to AICW statute mile 370).

The following waterways have been removed from the safety zone: Winyah Bay, Sampit River, AICW south of Sandy Island, AICW north of Socastee Swing Bridge, Great Pee Dee River, and Black River.

This rule is effective from October 3, 2018, through October 19, 2018, or until waters recede and conditions allow for safe navigation.

Mariners wishing to travel through the safety zone may receive permission via designated on-scene representatives or by contacting authorities as follows: recreational vessels may contact SCDNR at 843-915-5990; commercial vessels may contact USCG at 843-323-7761. A designated representative means federal, state, or a local law enforcement officer assisting the USCG or SCDNR in the enforcement of the safety zones. Those in the safety zone must comply with all lawful orders or directions given to them by the USCG or SCDNR designated representatives. Mariners are reminded to travel at no wake speed in areas inundated with highwater so as to limit damage to property and infrastructure.