



**Spring/Summer 2009**

**HUDSON RIVER DREDGING PROJECT IN PROGRESS,  
SIGNIFICANT PROJECT TRAFFIC BETWEEN LOCKS C6 & C8**

General Electric (GE) is dredging the upper Hudson River in two areas: around Rogers Island proximate to Lock C7, and the eastern channel of Griffin Island at River Mile (RM) 190 (south of Lock C7). As a result, the amount of traffic and activity in the river between Champlain Canal Lock C6 and Lock C8 has dramatically increased. Crews are now working 24 hours a day, six days a week.

In the areas where the dredging is being performed, boaters will see contractors using excavators on deck barges to dig up sediment from the bottom of the river and load it onto large hopper barges. These barges will be towed from the dredging sites to Lock C7, where they will transit the lock and dock at a facility south of Lock C8 to unload the sediment for treatment. Project crews have widened the Champlain Canal in the unloading area to allow non-project vessels to pass the treatment facility as they travel north or south.

In addition to the mobile work areas, there are fixed structures in the water to facilitate work. These structures include sheeted cofferdams near the eastern bank of the river in the vicinity of Griffin Island Buoy R196, a transfer trestle located on the eastern bank of the river at Buoys R210-R212, from RM 193.4 and a water flow control structure north of the Fort Edward Yacht Basin.

Barges are moored on fixed moorings outside of the navigational channel between Lock C6 and Lock C7, at Buoys G211 and G219 (RM 192.1-192.6 and 193.1-193.5). These will be lighted at night with fixed white lights on the barge corners.

At some dredging locations, anticipated navigation aids may be removed or relocated. At these locations, boaters are advised to adhere to signage and existing navigation aids.

During these activities, the navigational channel will be open to non-project vessels.

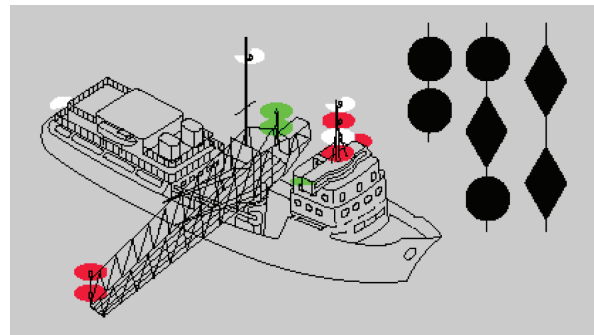
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## BOATING SAFETY

In order to ensure safe boating when traveling near the work sites on the Hudson River and in the Champlain Canal, all boaters should adhere to the following guidelines:

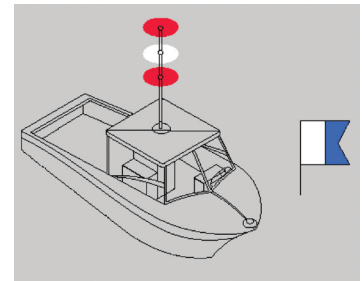
- All boaters entering or using the Hudson River from Rogers Island to Griffin Island or the Champlain Canal between Lock C6 and Lock C8 **are directed to contact the project's vessel traffic center (VTC) on VHF Channel 18A** for transit information, as work areas change daily. The center will be staffed whenever dredging is occurring. Vessels are to contact the locks on Channel 13 for locking through direction.
- Boat speed should not exceed 5 MPH around the work areas. Keep a safe distance from all project activities and workers – do not approach them. The navigational channel is clearly marked, as well as any changes to it.

- Always pass project vessels on the side displaying two round green lights, see graphic to right, or two diamonds hung in a vertical line. Additionally, signage on barges will indicate the side of safe passage.



- The east channel of Rogers Island leading into the Fort Edward Yacht Basin will only be open for navigation for a half-hour in the morning, from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., and a half-hour in the afternoon, from 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please refer to the Canal Corporation's Notice to Mariners and TransAlerts for details each day/week.

- Vessels carrying a white and blue flag, similar to the one pictured at right, are performing underwater operations. Please give them clearance of at least 100 feet.



- Lock operators monitor VHF Channel 13, and can be reached by phone at the following numbers. Boaters are to contact the locks, listed below, for locking through directions:

- o Lock C6 (Fort Miller) — 518-695-3751
- o Lock C7 (Fort Edward) — 518-747-4614
- o Lock C8 (Fort Edward) — 518-747-5520

**If you have questions about the Hudson River dredging project, please call GE's informational phone line at 1-888-596-3655 or 518-792-4087.**