

2023 Maritime Commerce and Navigation Safety Work Group Work Plan and Progress Report

Reporting Period: January 2023 – December 2023

Work Group Webpage: <https://www.midatlanticocean.org/ocean-planning/work-groups-collaborative-efforts/maritime-commerce-and-navigation-safety-work-group/>

Work Group Leads: Matt Creelman, Coast Guard

Work Group Members: Work group membership is open to government and non-governmental entities operating in the five Mid-Atlantic states and the District of Columbia that are willing to participate in work group activities. Members are expected to contribute on monthly work group calls and assist with project implementation.

Current Members Include:

Last Name	First Name	Organization
Creelman*	Matt	US Coast Guard

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Work Group Goals, Objectives and Actions: This work relates to the OAP’s Sustainable Ocean Uses Framework Goal, which is to “plan and provide for existing and emerging ocean uses in a sustainable manner that minimizes conflicts, improves effectiveness and regulatory predictability, and supports economic growth,” by

improving awareness of maritime commerce and navigation in the Mid-Atlantic. Its primary intention is to increase institutional awareness of new maritime commerce and navigational information for consideration in regional ocean planning.

ACTIVITY 1 - Ensure that updated maritime commerce and navigational information is reflected on the Mid-Atlantic Ocean Data Portal.

Expected Completion Date: Ongoing

A1 Progress Period: January - June 2023

The Coast Guard published an update to its Consolidated Port Approaches and International Entry and Departure Transit Areas Port Access Route Studies (CPAPARS) report in March. The CPAPARS included a series of recommendations and alternatives for shipping lanes, anchorages and other routing measures from the coasts of Rhode Island to Florida, which were made available for viewing with a map layer on the Portal. In a Federal Register notice, the Coast Guard encouraged members of the public to use the Portal to review the recommendations and submit comments throughout a 90-day comment period.

At the direction of Coast Guard NAVCEN, the Portal team also retired a series of older map layers depicting recommendations made by the individual PARS reports between 2019 and 2022.

A1 Progress Period: July 2023 - December 2023

ACTIVITY 2 - Host informational webinars to update institutions and the public about maritime commerce and navigational information.

Expected Completion Date: Ongoing

A2 Progress Period: January 2023 - June 2023

None in this reporting period.

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