

**U. S. Coast Guard Sector Maryland-NCR**  
**Waterways Analysis and Management System Data Sheet**

Mariners and other waterway stakeholders are encourage to provide input regarding the Waterways Analysis and Management System (WAMS) currently being conducted by USCG Sector Maryland-NCR.

This questionnaire is your opportunity to recommend changes to improve the Aids to Navigation system, federal publications, and nautical charts for the **Upper Potomac River above the Harry P. Nice Memorial Bridge (Route 301) to Hains Point.**

You may send information via email to [D05-DG-SECTOR-MDNCR-WTRWAY-WAMS@uscg.mil](mailto:D05-DG-SECTOR-MDNCR-WTRWAY-WAMS@uscg.mil) or the address:  
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**PERSONAL INFORMATION:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**WATERWAY RATING:**

Please rate the following areas on a scale of 1 to 7; with 1 meaning the item in question does not meet your needs as a waterway user and 7 meaning it meets your needs fully and could not be improved. Please explain any rating three or below in the comments section.

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| a) Aids to Navigation system in the following areas:                             |               |
| a. Upper Potomac River Channel Buoy 1 to<br>Upper Potomac River Channel Light 8. | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 |
| b. Upper Potomac River Channel LB 11 to<br>Upper Potomac River Channel Buoy 26.  | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 |
| c. Upper Potomac River Channel LB 27 to<br>Upper Potomac River Channel Buoy 46.  | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 |
| d. Upper Potomac River Channel LB 47 to<br>Upper Potomac River Channel LB 71.    | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 |
| e. Mount Vernon Cut  | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 |
| f. Upper Potomac River Channel Buoy 73 to<br>Upper Potomac River Channel LB 90.  | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 |
| g. National Harbor Channel (private aids)  | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 |
| h. Alexandria Channel  | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 |
| b) Broadcast Notice to Mariners on Channel 22 VFH/FM:                            | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 |
| c) Fifth Coast Guard District Local Notice to Mariners                           | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 |
| d) Coast Pilot Volume 3  | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 |

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| e) NOAA Chart 12285                       | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| f) NOAA Chart 12288                       | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| g) NOAA Chart 12289                       | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| h) Bridges                                | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| i) Coast Guard Regulated Navigation Areas | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |

**WATERWAY USER DETAILS:**

Type of vessels:

- Commercial
- Deep Draft
- Military
- Ferry
- Sail
- Tug
- Recreational
- Other

Hazardous cargo transits?

- Yes
- No

Vessels greater than 50,000 DWT?

- Yes
- No

Passenger ferry capacity?

**Length and draft of vessels**

Average: \_\_\_\_\_

Max: \_\_\_\_\_

Frequency of transits:

- More than one per day
- More than one a week
- One every few weeks
- One per month
- One every few months
- Less than one a year
- Night Transits? If so, frequency: \_\_\_\_\_

Transit period:

- Year Round
- Seasonal

Approximate date range of seasonality: \_\_\_\_\_

1. What special environmental conditions exist in this waterway? (weather, current, visibility, etc.)

2. What is the most difficult part of navigating this waterway safely? (sea conditions, shoaling, visibility, submerged hazards, vessel traffic, bridge approaches, etc.)

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3. Please indicate any way that this waterway may be improved.

4. Are there any aids to navigation that you feel are most critical? Please be specific.

5. Are you using the aids to navigate through a marked channel, or using the aids as reference points for alternate routes?

6. Do you think any aids to navigation that are redundant? If so, which ones?

7. Are there any aids to navigation that may be reduced in size or changed to unlit without affecting navigational safety? If so, which ones?

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8. Are there any aids to navigation that interfere with the safe navigation? If so, which ones?

9. Are there any aids to navigation that could be increased in size or lit to increase navigational safety? If so, which ones?

10. What are the waterfront areas or facilities you access via vessel?

11. Do you know of any proposed plans for changes of waterway (dredging, new facility/marina, private/State AtoN, changes in vessel type/cargo, etc)?

12. Please indicate any additional organizations, groups, or individuals that you believe may be interested in receiving this survey. Please include a contact method.

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13. Please indicate any way that this survey may be improved.

14. Do you use the sectored light on MARYLAND POINT LIGHT (LLNR 17895) to navigate the turn in the river or would a flashing red light be satisfactory or more beneficial?

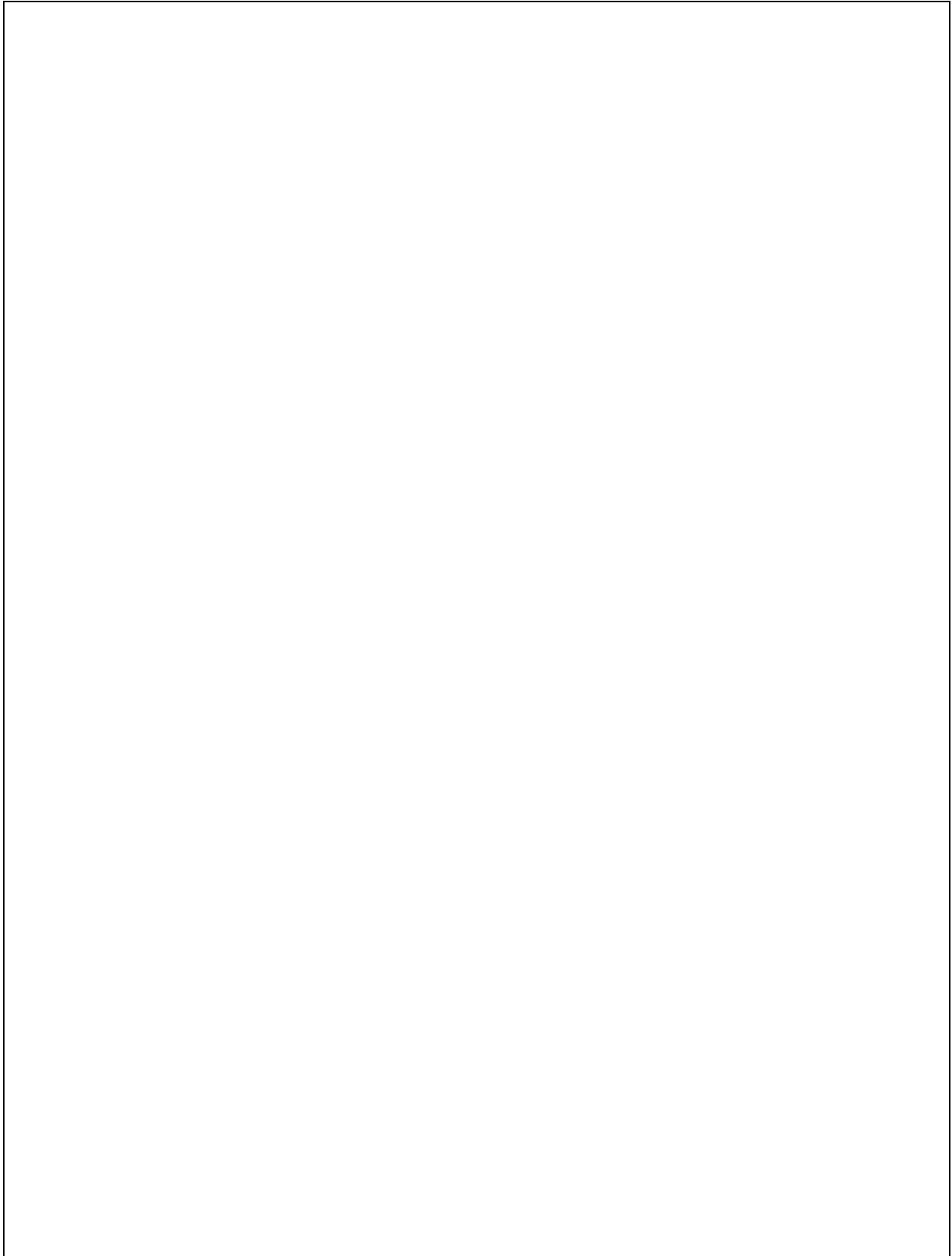
15. Do you use WHITESTONE POINT LIGHT (LLNR 17375) for navigation or are the buoys in the area sufficient?

16. Do you use FORT WASHINGTON LIGHT 80 (LLNR 18560) for navigation or are the other aids in the area sufficient for navigating? Do you use the day markers on this aid?

17. Additional comments:

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Additional comments (continued):

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