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Homeport Decommissioning

The Coast Guard retired Homeport as of April 12, 2025. Moving forward, you will need to use alternate approaches for tasks typically performed through the Homeport platform.

We recognize that Homeport has long been a trusted tool for mariners and the broader maritime community. The Coast Guard is establishing temporary workarounds to ensure essential services remain accessible until we can identify the best permanent approach for each function.

The following information will provide you with guidance on how to conduct activities previously done through Homeport.

Why is Homeport being decommissioned?
The Coast Guard is responsible for maintaining both the physical and cyber security of our country's maritime commerce system. The Homeport system is facing increasing costs and system obsolescence. As a result, it is no longer a viable tool for managing the many functions required to ensure the smooth and safe flow of vessel traffic.

What do I need to do?
Please review the below list of Homeport functions and the interim procedures and establish new business processes as appropriate.

When will the new platform launch?
Throughout this transition, we're committed to keeping the maritime community fully informed with timely updates and clear guidance.

The new Homeport Solutions & News website will be our primary tool for keeping you informed as new tools come online. You can also visit Maritime Commons, the Coast Guard's blog for maritime professionals, and subscribe for the Maritime Commons Really Simple Syndication (RSS) feed to receive regular e-mail updates.

Why is this happening so quickly?
We recognize that Homeport has been a trusted tool for mariners and the broader maritime community. However, transferring Homeport functionality to more secure information systems is a critical part of securing the nation's Maritime Transportation System.

We realize that decommissioning Homeport is a significant change, and we are committed to making the transition as easy for you as possible. On behalf of the U.S. Coast Guard, thank you for your important role in building a thriving U.S. economy and your commitment to safe, secure maritime commerce.

How to submit a marine event application?
Email the Waterways Management Division at mdncrwaterways@uscg.mil and request a fillable marine event application.

How to access Area Maritime Security Committee (AMSC) documentation?
The Coast Guard is building a new, secure site to house AMSC documents, such as the Salvage Response Plan and Area Maritime Security Plan. For now, please contact Port Security Specialist (PSS) Jaime.N.Hernandez@uscg.mil or Port Security Specialist/Recovery (PSS/R) Frederick.H.Dolbow@uscg.mil if you need any AMSC documentation. AMSC documents will be shared based on the requestee's need-to-know, following handling requirements for sharing Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI).

How to view changes to the Maritime Security (MARSEC) level?
The Coast Guard Navigation Center (NAVCEN) website will soon host the status board for MARSEC Levels at https://navcen.uscg.gov/marsec. Please bookmark the site for future use. Status changes, should they occur, will show in the standard MARSEC Icon that was used on the decommissioned Homeport Site. In addition to the MARSEC Dashboard, status changes will also be shared through RSS Feeds, when Broadcast Notice to Mariners (BNMs) and Local Notice to Mariners (LNMs) are issued for the respective change.

How to access the Area Contingency Plan and other maritime contingency plans?
The Maryland-National Capital Region Area Contingency Plan is maintained on Regional Response Team III's website. For other plans, such as the Severe Weather Port Contingency Plan and Marine Transportation System Recovery Plan, please contact the Emergency Management and Force Readiness division at D05-SG-SectorMD-NCR-EMFR@uscg.mil.

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