



## MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN

*These bulletins are purely informational for the maritime community within this Captain of the Port zone. They advise you of emerging information & situations that may impact our Marine Transportation System. As important, they help to manage expectations & facilitate cooperation regarding actions that we may be taking and/or that you may need to employ in the interest of safety/security. Increased vigilance in our maritime world hinges significantly upon proactive engagement & information sharing with the private sector, which has the primary responsibility for security & safety at their waterfront facilities & vessels.*

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**Date: January 16, 2004**

**SUBJECT: COMMERCIAL VESSELS TRANSITING THE CONNECTICUT RIVER**

This bulletin serves as a notice to all vessel traffic and facilities on the Connecticut River. Due to developing ice conditions on the river, the Captain of the Port Long Island Sound will require a minimum of 24 hours notice prior to transiting the Connecticut River until icing conditions subside or become more manageable. This measure has been implemented to ensure safe navigation and to provide the Coast Guard with sufficient notice to respond to ice breaking requests in the navigable channel. Notification should be made to the Operations Duty Officer at (203) 468-4401 and via VHF-FM channel 16.

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