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Notice to Navigation Interests

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Black Rock Channel & Tonawanda Harbor, NY
Waterway

Black Rock Lock Operations. - The Black Rock Lock hours and date change for the 2014 navigation season are as follows:

2 January – 16 February	8:00am - 4:00pm Monday - Friday
2 March – 19 April	8:00am – 4:00pm Monday – Friday
6 May – 8 May	Closed for Maintenance
20 April – 17 May	8:00am – 4:00pm 7 Days a week
18 May – 20 September	8:00am – 10:00pm Monday – Friday 11:00am – 10:00pm Saturday & Sunday
29 October – 31 October	8:00am – 4:00pm Major Maintenance Activities Planned– Delays to Navigation Possible
21 September – 01 November	8:00am – 4:00pm 7 Days a week
02 November – 31 December	8:00am -- 4:00pm Monday – Friday

From 29 – 31 October 2014 preventative maintenance and repair work will take place at the Black Rock Lock. Large marine equipment will occupy the lock chamber during this three day period. Commercial vessels could incur delays due to the need to move equipment to allow safe passage. Mariners should provide notice of anticipated arrival at the Black Rock Lock during this maintenance period by calling: 716-879-4403.

The lock will be closed on the following 2014 Federal Holidays: **01 January / 20 January / 17 February / 11 November / 27 November / 25 December.**

During normal Lock operating periods, commercial traffic will be accommodated on a 24-hour basis with prior notification. Questions on lock operations may be directed to the Black Rock Lock during scheduled operating hours by calling (716) 879-4403 or to the New York/Pennsylvania Operations and Maintenance Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at (716) 879-4293, Fax (716) 879-4356. The Lock may also be contacted on marine radio channel 16 (working Channel 12).

Tug and Barge Operators are reminded that Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) are required for all Barge personnel during the approach and while transiting the Lock and are recommended for all vessel crew members and passengers.

The Black Rock Lock Channel extends from Buffalo Harbor to the Black Rock Lock. It is three and one-half miles in length. The Federal navigation channel has a minimum width of 200 feet. Pleasure crafts are required to yield the right-of-way to commercial vessels due to the confined waters of the channel.

The Black Rock Lock and the Black Rock Channel provide safe passage for vessels to travel between Buffalo Harbor and Tonawanda Harbor around the reefs, rapids and fast currents that exist in the upstream portion of the Niagara River.

Charts: 14832 - Upper Niagara River, New York
14833 - Buffalo Harbor, New York

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