



# Notice to Navigation Interests

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**Notice No.**                      Date 19 February 2018  
Black Rock Channel & Tonawanda Harbor, NY  
Waterway

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Black Rock Lock Operations - The Black Rock Lock hours and dates for the 2018 navigation season are as follows:

01 January – 04 May	<b>Closed for repairs</b>
05 May - 12 May	8:00 am - 4:00 pm 7 days a week
13 May - 15 September ( <b>Extended Season</b> )	9:00 am - 9:00 pm Weekdays 11:00 am - 10:00 pm Weekends
16 September - 27 October	8:00 am - 4:00 pm 7 days per week
28 October - 31 December	8:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday – Friday

**Extended Season Schedule for lockages on Weekdays:**

Down 9am / 11am / 1pm / 3pm / 5pm / 7pm / 8pm  
Up 9:30am / 11:30am / 1:30pm / 3:30pm / 5:30pm / 7:30pm / 8:30pm

**Extended Season Schedule for lockages on Weekends:**

Down 11am / 1pm / 2pm / 3pm / 4pm / 5pm / 6pm / 7pm / 8pm / 9pm  
Up 11:30am / 1:30pm / 2:30pm / 3:30pm / 4:30pm / 5:30pm / 6:30pm / 7:30pm / 8:30pm / 9:30pm

**Extended Season Schedule for lockages on Weekday Holidays:**

Down 9am / 10am / 11am / 12pm / 1pm / 2pm / 3pm / 4pm / 5pm / 6pm / 7pm / 8pm  
Up 9:30am / 10:30am / 11:30am / 12:30pm / 1:30pm / 2:30pm / 3:30pm / 4:30pm / 5:30pm / 6:30pm / 7:30pm / 8:30pm

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.

**Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) are required for all personnel under 16 years of age 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.

In combination with the New York State Erie Canal, Black Rock Lock and Black Rock Channel provide an inland water route between Lake Erie and the Atlantic Ocean. Branch canals in the New York State canal system provide vessels access to Lake Erie and Lake Champlain.

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

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