



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

BUFFALO DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
1776 NIAGARA STREET
BUFFALO, NEW YORK 14207-3199

CELRB-TD-ON (1200A)

27 November 2013

MEMORANDUM FOR Commander (OAN), Ninth Coast Guard District, ATTN: Local Desk,
1240 East Ninth Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44199

SUBJECT: Local Notice to Navigation Interests #L14-01

1. Enclosed is a copy of the Local Notice to Navigation Interests relative to our operating schedule through 31 Dec 2014 at the Black Rock Lock.
2. If you have any questions or concerns pertaining to this matter please contact Thomas Braunscheidel, Lockmaster at 716-879-4403, or the undersigned at 716-879-4293, or by email at Thomas.m.braunscheidel@usace.army.mil and edward.f.gawarecki@usace.army.mil respectively.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

Edward F. Gawarecki
Chief, NY-PA O&M Office

Encl

Commander, U.S. Coast Guard, Group Buffalo, 1 Fuhrmann Blvd., Buffalo, NY 14203
Honorable Charles E. Schumer, United States Senator, 130 South Elmwood Avenue, #660
Buffalo, NY 14202
Honorable Charles E. Schumer, United States Senator, 313 Hart, Senate Office Building,
Washington, DC 20510
Honorable Kristen E. Gillibrand, United States Senator, 532 Dirksen House Office Building,
Washington, DC 20510
Honorable Kristen E. Gillibrand, United States Senator, Larkin at Exchange, 726 Exchange
Street, Suite 511, Buffalo, NY 14210
Honorable Louise M. Slaughter, United States House of Representatives, 2469 Rayburn House
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Mr. Don Poletto, 502 City Hall, Buffalo, NY 14202

Mr. Luciano Martin, Canadian National Railroad, 1 Administration Road, P.O. Box 1000 Concord, Ont. Canada L4K1B9

Mr. Joe Costigan, Canadian National Railroad, 1 Administration Road, P.O. Box 1000 Concord, Ont. Canada L4K1B9

Mr. Jacob Normile, Marathon Oil Terminal, 4000 River Road, Tonawanda, NY 14150

Mr. Val Speek, NOCO Energy Corporation, 2440 Sheridan Drive, Tonawanda, NY 14150

Ms. Margaret Moses, Navigation Data Center, Water Resource Center, 7701 Telegraph Road, Casey Building, No. 2594, Room 220, Alexandria, VA 22315

Mr. Joel Beyer, New York State Canals, 80 Richmond Avenue, Lockport, NY 14094

Mr. Carson Leikam, Plant Mgr. Huntley Plant, 3500 River Rd. Tonawanda, NY 14152

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Mrs. Inez Fitzpatrick, Lower Lakes Transportation, 51 Main Street, Port Dover, Ont, Canada N0A1N0

Mr. Mike Hayhurst, Miss Buffalo Cruises (Miss Buffalo II), 79 Marine Drive, Buffalo, NY 14202

Mr. Rick Deegan, Grand Lady Cruises, 100 Whitehaven Road, Grand Island, NY 14072



Notice to Navigation Interests

US Army Corps
Of Engineers
Buffalo District
1776 Niagara Street
Buffalo, New York 14207-3199

Notice No. 14-01 Date 27 November 2013
Black Rock Channel & Tonawanda Harbor, NY
Waterway

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

2 January – 16 February	8:00am - 4:00pm Monday - Friday
2 April – 4 April	Closed for Maintenance
2 March – 19 April	8:00am – 4:00pm Monday - Friday
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
21 September – 01 November	8:00am – 4:00pm 7 Days a week
02 November – 31 December	8:00am -- 4:00pm Monday – Friday

The Canadian National International Railroad Bridge at Mile 3.8 over the Black Rock Canal will be secured to masted navigation for maintenance during the period 17 – 28 February 2014. From 1 – 21 March 2014 the bridge requires a 12-hour advance notice for openings. Mariners should provide advance notice by calling: 416-580-3320 or 905-788-7502.

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

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.

In combination with the New York 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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