

**BOATING COMMUNITY  
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:**

**What will be the boating impacts to the Potomac River during construction?**

- The navigation channel will remain open throughout construction. However, for short durations, the primary navigation channel may be temporarily closed for a couple of hours or shifted (as approved by the U.S. Coast Guard) to accommodate overhead construction activities (e.g., steel erection).
- Work trestles will be constructed adjacent to the existing Long Bridge and at other locations on both shorelines to facilitate construction progress. These areas will be off-limits to boaters. There may also be minor encroachments to the navigation channel during construction. Navigation aids will be installed to guide marine traffic and delineate construction areas.
- A speed reduction and/or No Wake Zone will be implemented in the vicinity of the project to protect workers.

**What will be the boating impacts to the Washington Channel and Marina during construction?**

- The Washington Channel will remain open throughout construction.
- A work trestle will be constructed adjacent to the Washington Channel Bridge. Navigation aids will be installed to guide marine traffic and delineate construction areas.
- The Washington Channel is already designated as a No Wake Zone. This condition will remain.
- Construction will impact the Washington Marina parking lot, but the Marina will remain operational during construction.

**What will the clearance underneath the new Long Bridge, including the bike-pedestrian bridge be?**

- The minimum vertical clearances for the new rail and bike-pedestrian bridges is 20'-0" at the navigation channel of the river.
- This clearance is approximately 2'0" higher than the existing Long Bridge, which will remain in place.

**How can I stay informed about closures and other potential impacts to the River and Channel during construction?**

- VPRA is coordinating with the U.S. Coast Guard, to issue Notices to Mariners, as needed.
- Boater advisories will be posted on VPRA's website: [VAPassengerRailAuthority.org](http://VAPassengerRailAuthority.org).
- Advisories will also be distributed through VPRA's boating community e-mail contact list. If you wish to join VPRA's boating community contact list, please sign-up here: [VAPassengerRailAuthority.org/contact](http://VAPassengerRailAuthority.org/contact).



**View of the Long Bridge Project from Ohio Drive, DC**



**View of the project from Long Bridge Aquatic Center, Arlington**



**View of the new Washington Channel Bridge from East Potomac Park, DC**