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**Bay of Green Bay ice breaking will take place on January 26-29**

**\*\*\*\*Snowmobilers & Ice Fishermen should take note\*\*\*\***

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(Green Bay, WI) **Ice breaking will take place in the bay of Green Bay on January 26-29**. Members of the public who fish, operate a snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle or otherwise recreate on the bay of Green Bay during periods of ice cover should be aware of this activity.

The [U.S. Coast Guard](#) recommends all recreational ice users plan their activities carefully, dress appropriately, use caution on the ice, and stay away from shipping channels. Recreational users should stay tuned to local media for the status of regional waterway closures.

The Coast Guard conducts ice breaking to keep the shipping channel open for safe navigation and transport of economically-significant commercial shipments.

“The Port’s ability to handle products throughout the winter months is a key piece in the current supply chain as well as an important factor in keeping the Northeast Wisconsin’s economy strong,” explained Dean Haen, Director of Brown County Port & Resource Recovery, “Each year, there is a possibility that ice breaking will need to occur so that we can keep moving these important products where they need to go.”

The Coast Guard will establish and maintain tracks through the ice from Rock Island Passage to the Fox River. Updates to this notice will be posted on the [Coast Guard’s 9th District Newsroom](#) website and the [Brown County Sheriff’s Office](#) Facebook page.

“Coast Guard waterway managers balance the needs of commercial operators moving the cargoes that fuel industry with those of recreational users enjoying the pristine natural beauty of our Great Lakes,” said Capt. Tom Stuhlreyer, commander of Coast Guard Sector Lake Michigan. “Those who choose to recreate on or near ice-covered waterways may potentially put themselves at increased risk when recreating near still-operational shipping lanes.”

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**About the Port of Green Bay:** The Port of Green Bay exists to enhance the prosperity of the people of Northeast Wisconsin by providing facilities and infrastructure able to effectively and efficiently move commodities and goods across the nation. As the western-most port of Lake Michigan, the Port of Green Bay offers a direct route for shipping from the Midwest to the rest of the world. The Port of Green Bay has 14 active terminal operators located along three miles of the Fox River involved in shipping commodities: Ace Marine, C. Reiss Coal Company, Construction Resources Management, Flint Hills Resources, Fox River Terminals, Georgia-Pacific, Graymont, GLC Minerals, KK Integrated Logistics, Lafarge Northern America, RGL, Sanimax, St. Mary's Cement and U.S. Venture.

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