



## Ice Breaking Underway in the Bay of Green Bay

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

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(Green Bay, Wis.) – The [U.S. Coast Guard](#) will be conducting ice breaking operations in the bay of Green Bay starting this afternoon (Monday, March 13, 2023). With the ice in the bay beginning to deteriorate, the [Port of Green Bay](#) requested an opening to facilitate the arrival of commercial shipping.

“We anticipate commercial shipping to resume very soon, so the Coast Guard’s assistance in opening up shipping channels is essential,” said Port Director Dean Haen. “The Port’s ability to handle shipping in the late winter/early spring is a key piece in the region’s supply chain and important for the economy of Northeast Wisconsin.”

Coast Guard Cutters Mackinaw and Neah Bay will come through the Rock Island Passage in northern Green Bay on Monday afternoon and then the two icebreakers will proceed south to establish tracks into the Port of Green Bay beginning Tuesday morning. Members of the public who fish, snowmobile, use ATVs, ice boat 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, stay away from shipping channels and use caution as ice is already weakening near the shores. Recreational users should stay tuned to local media for the status of regional waterways.

**Additional information and updates will be broadcast to mariners on VHF-FM marine radio channel 16, 21 or 23, as well as public outreach through media notification and social media outlets [@USCGGreatLakes](#) on Twitter and on the [Brown County Sheriff’s Office](#) page on Facebook.**

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*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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