

**CSXT (Hojack) Bridge Removal****Striffler, Scot** to: GliddencSent by: **Scot.M.Striffler@uscg.mil**

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Ms. Glidden,

Thank you for the phone call yesterday regarding the removal of the CSXT (Hojack) Bridge over Genesee River in Rochester, NY. As we discussed, the Coast Guard has a continuously running notice to mariners warning vessel operators of potential hazards originating from the former railroad swing bridge. This notice will continue to run until the bridge is removed. The structure itself is also considered a hazard since the required bridge fendering/protection system is no longer present. Essentially, the bridge has been required to employ and maintain a bridge fendering/protection system that is basically a fence around the entire structure. These types of protection systems protect the bridge itself from allisions by large commercials, as well as keep recreational vessels from drifting, or being pushed into, the structure itself.

A copy of the notice to mariners the Coast Guard has been running continuously since 2010 is below:

LAKE ONTARIO - NY - Genesee River, Chart 14815 - Bridge Discrepancy
The Coast Guard has received reports of floating debris originating from the CSX Transportation Railroad Bridge at Mile 0.9 over the Genesee River.
Mariners should exercise caution in the area. [35/10]

Please feel free to contact me with questions or to discuss further. I would also appreciate being included in future updates on this issue. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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