



## EAST CENTRAL WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Dale Weber, Wisconsin Department of Transportation, NE Region, Green Bay  
Jim Bonetti, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Kaukauna  
John Silagy, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit  
Chief Marcus Evans, U.S. Coast Guard  
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Scott Thoresen, Public Works Director, DePere  
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Adam Hammett, Village Administrator, Kimberly  
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Mark Radtke, Public Works Director, Menasha  
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Candice Mortara, President, Friends of the Fox  
Doug Bodway, Valley Marine Mart, Inc.  
Douglas Ales, Presentation Rentals  
Tom Radtke, Radtke Contractors, Inc.  
Diane Schabach, Harbor Master, Menasha Marina  
Dennis Arnoldussen, Fox River Navigation System Authority  
Robert J. Stark, Fox River Navigation System Authority  
Harlan Kiesow, CEO, Fox River Navigation System Authority

FROM: Walt Raith, Assistant Director/MPO Director  
East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission

DATE: March 7, 2013

RE: WisDOT 2013 navigation season operating dates and hours for bridges on the Fox River System

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**Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Northeast Region  
Fox River System 2013 Bridge Operation Schedule**

For the four bridges in Oshkosh (Main Street, Oregon/Jackson Streets, Wisconsin Street and Congress Avenue) and the Winneconne Main Street Bridge, the operating hours will be: **8:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight from April 19, to October 6, 2013.** As in the past there will be **restricted operating hours** for the Oshkosh bridges on Monday through Friday to avoid undue conflicts with street traffic during the following time periods:

**11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.  
12:45 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.  
3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

For the two bridges in Menasha (Racine and Tayco Streets), the operating hours will be: **8:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight on Friday through Sunday. Monday through Thursday normal operation hours are 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. beginning on April 19<sup>th</sup> and ending on October 6<sup>th</sup>.** Operating hours on **Memorial Day, Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> and Labor Day, Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> will be from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight,** as on weekends.

**Note: The Racine Street Bridge will not be operated on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 from 7:30 A.M until 1:30 P.M. to accommodate the Fox Cities Marathon route.**

During the off season, all operable bridges in the system can be opened if at least twelve (12) hours notice is given. Railroad bridges and highway lift bridges can be operational and available in non-operating hours prior to April 19, 2013 and after October 6, 2013.

The following is a listing of telephone contacts for the issuance of 12 hour notices by mariners of requests for drawbridge openings during unscheduled operating hours:

City of Appleton, Drawbridge Operations, Municipal Service Building, 2625 E. Glendale Avenue, Appleton, WI 54911 (920) 832-5580 [Police (920) 832-5500]

City of Menasha, Director, Department of Public Works, 140 Main Street, Menasha, WI 54952 (920) 967-5102 [Police (920) 967-5128]

Winnebago County (Oshkosh and Winneconne Drawbridges), Bridge Operations Supervisor, Winnebago County, 901 W. County Road Y, Oshkosh, WI 54903 (920) 232-1700 [After 3:00 p.m. (920) 420-2146] Off Hours (920) 232-1715

Canadian National Railroad, Southern Region, Bridges and Structures, (906) 789-7168.

**Questions?** Northeast Region Bridge Operations: Dale Weber, Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Northeast Region, 944 Vanderperren Way, Green Bay, WI 54304,  
Call (920) 492-7161.

The Lower **Fox River Lock System** operating season information is attached. Off season lockages (surcharge applies) can be made by special 12 hour advance request by contacting:

Dennis Arnoldussen at (920) 202-1853.

## LOWER FOX LOCK SYSTEM – 2013 OPERATING SEASON INFORMATION

Lock Location	Season Dates
Menasha, De Pere, Little Rapids	May 10 through October 6
Appleton 1, 2, 3, 4, and Cedars	May 24 through September 2

### USER FEE SCHEDULE

**Season Unlimited Recreational and Commercial Transit Permit \$120.00**

**Multi-Vessel Season Unlimited Recreational Transit Permit \$140.00**

*(Recreational vessel owners who own more than one vessel can now purchase a season pass that includes a decal for each of their registered vessels*

*Two vessels \$140.00 – each additional vessel \$20.00)*

**Daily Limited Transit Permits based on boat length:**

Less than 26 ft - **\$6.00** || 26 ft or greater - **\$12.00**

**Special off-hour call-in lockages available per rate on back**

2013 Fox Locks Operational Schedule		
Lock Location	Days Per Week	Hours Per Day
Menasha and De Pere	7 Days Monday through Thursday Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Holidays	10:00 am – 10:00 pm 8:00 am – 12:00 midnight
Little Rapids	5 Days Thursday through Monday (Closed Tuesday and Wednesday)	10:00 am – 10:00 pm
Appleton Locks 1, 2, 3, 4	Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Holidays	11:00 am – 11:00 PM
Appleton Lock 1	Down-River Lockage Times Two-way lockage available Friday by request with locktender on duty	Noon, 2 pm, 4 pm, 6 pm, 8 pm, 10 pm
Appleton Lock 4	Up-River Lockage Times	11 am, 1 pm, 3 pm, 5 pm, 7 pm, 9 pm
Cedars	Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Holidays	10:00 am – 10:00 pm Friday call (920) 750-3309 to schedule
All Other Locks	Restoration in Progress	Operation planned 2015 Season

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Fox Locks Phone Numbers	
De Pere	(920) 227-7024
Menasha	(920) 201-1857
Little Rapids	(920) 227-7043
Appleton #1	(920) 750-3306
Appleton #4	(920) 750-3307
Cedars	(920) 750-3309
Kaukauna Office	(920) 759-9833



**Fox River Navigational System Authority**  
**1008 Augustine Street**  
**Kaukauna, Wisconsin 54130**  
**(920) 759-9833**

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## Vessel Lockage Procedure

- Upon approaching lock at a safe and slow speed, locktender will direct timing and placement of all vessels into and out of the lock chamber.
- Personal Flotation Devices (PFD) are recommended for all passengers. Children 13 years old and younger are required by Federal Law to wear a PFD while aboard recreational vessels underway.
- A bow and stern safety line provided by locktender is required for all vessels. Both safety lines must be attended at all times and are never to be tied to any vessel.
- Turn engine off while in Lock.
- No smoking or cooking while in Lock.
- Passengers of recreational vessels must remain in their vessels at all times during the lockage procedure.
- Operators should have vessel information and fee readily available to the locktender. Seasonal and daily permits must be displayed in a location easily seen by locktender.
- All operators must be able to control their vessel in a safe and sober manner.
- Failure to adhere to the above guidelines may result in a refusal of lockage and/or notification of law enforcement authorities.

### 2013 Call-In Procedure and Call-In Fees

To schedule additional commercial or recreational lock operations, please call 920-202-1853 12 hours in advance. In addition to vessel lockage fee, an hourly fee is due before lockage begins.

Lock Location	Operation Schedule	Hourly Lockage Fee
Menasha Cedars Little Rapids Depere	Monday thru Friday	\$15.00/hour – 2 hour min.
	Saturday and Sunday	\$22.50/hour – 2 hour min.
	Holidays	\$30.00/hour – 2 hour min.
Appleton 1 – 4	Monday thru Friday	\$25.00/hour – 2 hour min.
	Saturday and Sunday	\$37.50/hour – 2 hour min.
	Holidays	\$50.00/hour – 2 hour min.

**Public Docks are located upstream of Menasha Lock, Appleton Lock #2,  
Little Chute Guard Lock, and De Pere Lock**



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