The Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) is launching the **Smooth Waters Initiative**, a public safety campaign designed to protect boaters, marine workers, and construction personnel during the rebuilding of the Key Bridge on the Patapsco River.

The Initiative began in July 2025 and will continue for the duration of the project. We will continuously provide updates and provide waterway notices on Safety Zone – No Entry Areas and speed restrictions.

Be on the lookout for signs, posters, alerts, and other community outreach efforts on the water.

**Safety Guidelines:**

* **Obey Safety Zones and No Entry Areas:** Follow all Safety Zone-No Entry Areas marked as restricted areas
* **Federal Navigation Channel Remains Open**: Not subject to speed restrictions; please take precautions with larger ships.
* **Slow Down Near Construction Zones:** Maintain speeds of 6-knots or less to minimize wake
* **Stay Informed:** Check the [USCG District 5 Local Notice to Mariners](https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Featured-Content/Mariners/Local-Notice-to-Mariners-LNMs/District-5/) for real-time updates and navigation alerts

For more information, visit KeyBridgeRebuild.com or follow them on Facebook.