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Subject: Changes to Marine Zones for WFO New York, NY (OKX)
 Effective March 30, 2021

On or about Tuesday, March 30, 2021, at 09:00 AM Eastern Standard Time (EDT), 1400 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), the NWS Weather Forecast Office in New York, NY (OKX) will split marine zone ANZ330, the Long Island Sound East of New Haven CT/Port Jefferson NY, into two marine zones using a line from the mouth of the Connecticut River to Orient Point, NY.

If March 30, 2021 is declared a Critical Weather Day by the NWS, this implementation will be postponed to April 01, 2021.

These changes have been made in coordination with the United States Coast Guard and other partners and stakeholders. This modification to the marine zones will enhance safety and improve marine forecast and warning services provided to the marine community in the far eastern portion of Long Island Sound.

The current marine zone of will be converted into two separate zones.

Table 1: Universal Geographic Codes (UGC): Current Marine Zone Forecast Name

ANZ330: Long Island Sound East of New Haven CT/Port Jefferson NY

Table 2: UGC: New Marine Zone Forecast Name

ANZ331: Long Island Sound East of New Haven CT/Port Jefferson NY

to the Mouth of the Connecticut River

ANZ332: Long Island Sound East of the Mouth of the Connecticut River

Table 3: NWS products affected by these marine zone changes are listed below.

AWIPS ID	WMO Heading	Product Name
CWFOKX:	FZUS51	KOKX: Coastal Waters Forecast
MWWOKX:	WHUS71	KOKX: Marine Weather Message
SMWOKX:	WHUS51	KOKX: Special Marine Warning
MWSOKX:	FZUS71	KOKX: Marine Weather Statement
AFDOKX:	FXUS61	KOKX: Area Forecast Discussion
HWOOKX:	FLUS41	KOKX: Hazardous Weather Outlook
WCNOKX:	WWUS64	KOKX: Watch County Notification

NWS partners and users should take the appropriate action to ensure systems recognize the new UGC's (ANZ331 and ANZ332) and new zone alignments and names.

Updated marine zone shapefiles are online at:
<https://www.weather.gov/gis/MarineZones>

For a graphical depictions of these changes please refer to the link below:
<https://www.weather.gov/OKX/LISoundMarineZoneChanges>

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