



U.S. National Ice Center



Weekly Ice Forecast for Chesapeake and Delaware Bays

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Current Ice Conditions:

Ice free.

Ice Forecast:

The region is currently ice free, but colder temperatures are forecast to return later in the week. Lows in the 20s are forecast overnight Thursday into Friday which will likely lead to new ice formation in the sheltered bays and inlets of the upper Chesapeake and Delaware Bays. This ice formation will be diurnal (ice formation overnight, some ice melt during the day) and this pattern will likely continue through the holiday weekend. Areas that have already seen limited ice formation this winter are expected to experience at least some new ice development during this period.

Delaware Bay:

Ice free through Thursday. Limited, primarily overnight, ice formation beginning overnight Thursday into Friday and continuing through the holiday weekend.

Upper Chesapeake Bay:

Ice free through Thursday. Limited, primarily overnight, ice formation beginning overnight Thursday into Friday and continuing through the holiday weekend.

Lower Chesapeake Bay:

Ice free.