

# New York's World Trade Center Spire Takes Shape

*THE first segment of New York's World Trade Center's spire - which replaces the Twin Towers - has been hoisted into place.*



Nine of the 18 sections in the 408-foot (124-metre) spire arrived by barge into the Hudson River yesterday after a sea journey from Canada, where they were manufactured, said Steve Coleman, a spokesperson for the Port Authority of New Jersey and New York, which owns the World Trade Center.

"Last night in the overnight hours (the first piece) was moved through the west side of Manhattan through city streets and this morning it was raised," he said.

The skyscraper, officially known as One World Trade Center and popularly as Freedom Tower, is the key in the new complex erected at Ground Zero. At 104 stories, it is the highest building in New York and when the spire is complete, it will become the tallest in the western hemisphere, hitting 1776 feet (541 meters).

It could take as much as three months for the work to be completed.