



U.S. Department of Homeland Security
U.S. COAST GUARD

Marine Safety Unit  *Port Arthur, Texas*

Marine Safety Information Bulletin

14-22

April 20, 2022

Riverfest 2022

Scheduled Channel Closure

Neches River, Port Neches, TX

RIVERFEST, an annual event sponsored by the Port Neches Chamber of Commerce, is scheduled to be held on **Friday, April 29th through Sunday, May 1st, 2022**. Some RIVERFEST events will take place on the Neches River in the vicinity of Port Neches Park, including boat races and a fireworks display.

As a result, the Coast Guard will enforce Special Local Regulations adjacent to Port Neches Park in Port Neches, Texas, during the event. Specifically, **vessels MAY NOT enter or remain in** the portion of the Neches River, bound on the west by 30°00'08" N (near unused refinery dock) and on the east by 93°56'00" W (near FINA upper anchorage), during the boat races. Additionally, the Coast Guard will enforce a 500-yard safety zone around the launch barge during the scheduled fireworks display on Saturday, April 30th, 2022 (rain date is Sunday, May 1st).

The Coast Guard and other law enforcement agencies will enforce these regulations during the following times:

April 29, 2022:	2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.
April 30, 2022:	8:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.
	8:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. (Fireworks Display)
May 1, 2022:	8:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.
	8:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. (Fireworks Rain Date)

Breaks during race events have been scheduled to allow shallow draft traffic to pass. Vessels desiring to transit through this area may contact Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) Port Arthur on channel 65A or 13 VHF-FM or the on-scene Coast Guard vessel on channel 13 or 16 VHF-FM.

This notice will be posted on the Coast Guard's **HOMEPORT** website at <http://homeport.uscg.mil> and the VTS website at <https://www.atlanticarea.uscg.mil/vtspportarthur/>. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please call (24-hours) Vessel Traffic Service Port Arthur at (409) 719-5070 or email vtspa-sup@uscg.mil.

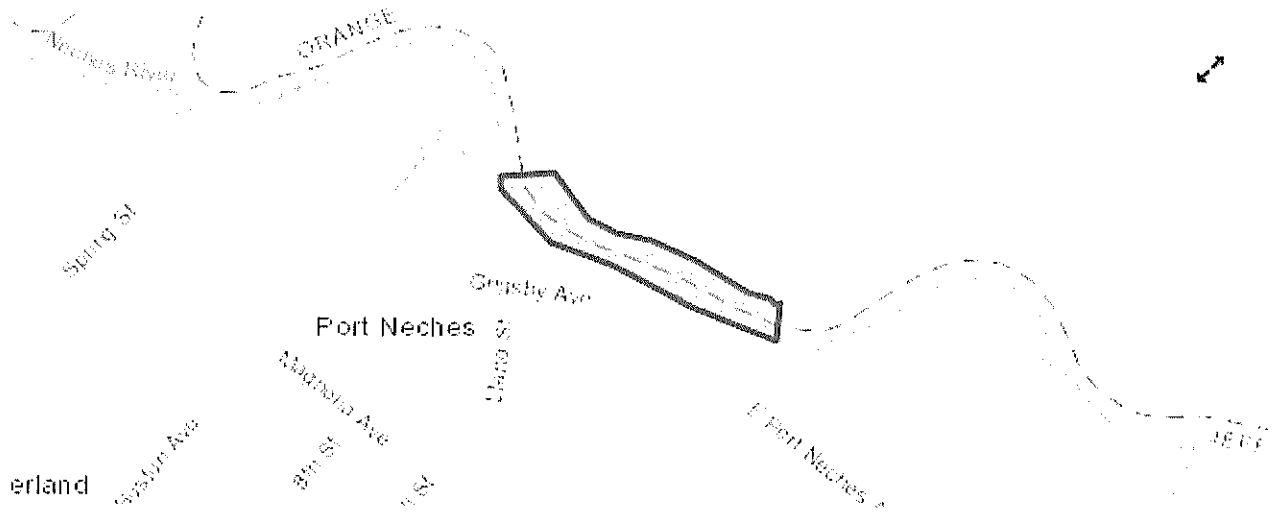
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Captain of the Port

RiverFest 2022

Annual power boat race adjacent to Port Neches Park, Port Neches, TX. Waters of the Neches River south of 30° 00' 08"N 093° 56' 00"W.

DATES: April 29 – May 1, 2022

LOCATION: Port Neches Park
Port Neches, TX



RACE SCHEDULE:

Friday, April 29, 2022

- 3:00 p.m. Testing Runs - River Closed
- 6:00 p.m. River Open

Saturday, April 30, 2022

- 9:00 a.m. Race Events - River Closed
- 12:00 noon River Open
- 1:00 p.m. Race Events - River Closed
- 3:15 p.m. River Open
- 3:45 p.m. Race Events – River Closed
- 6:00 p.m. River Open

Sunday, May 1, 2022

- 9:00 a.m. Race Events - River Closed
- 11:00 a.m. River Open
- 12:00 noon Race Events - River Closed
- 2:00 p.m. River Open
- 2:30 p.m. Race Events – River Closed
- 4:00 p.m. River Open

Note: River openings should be confirmed with on scene patrol vessels before proceeding.