



Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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Draft Restriction for Port Arthur East Turning Basin

Based on a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers channel survey dated May 12, 2023, Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) Port Arthur implements the following draft restrictions for vessels operating in the Port Arthur East Turning Basin:

- 1) Vessels transiting to/from Motiva berths #7, a maximum draft shall not exceed 33-feet (10.1m).
- 2) For vessels transiting to/from Motiva berths #6: maximum draft shall not exceed 37-feet (11.3m).
- 3) For vessels transiting to/from the PABFACS berth: maximum draft shall not exceed 27-feet (8.5m).

Survey data can be viewed here:

<https://www.swg.usace.army.mil/Missions/Navigation/Hydrographic-Surveys/Sabine-Neches-Waterway/>

These restrictions apply to the federal channel only. Water depths outside the federal channel may be significantly different and should be surveyed by the facility owner to ensure sufficient depth for vessels calling on the dock. Shoaling conditions are also subject to change. Mariners should always consult the latest soundings and monitor for changing conditions.

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

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