



**Marine Safety Information Bulletin**  
**15-20**  
**August 27, 2020**  
**Hurricane Laura**  
**PORT CONDITION ZULU – Update 1**

Port Condition Zulu remains in effect for the Sabine-Neches Waterway and Calcasieu Waterway. These waterways remain closed to all vessel traffic unless specifically approved by the Captain of the Port (COTP).

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), U.S. Coast Guard and select private assets are responding to adequately assess the waterway and make recommendations for a safe reopening.

Permission for vessel movements on these waterways will be managed by the Marine Safety Unit (MSU) Port Arthur Captain of the Port and MSU Lake Charles as follows.

**Calcasieu Waterway**

1. No vessel movements being allowed at this time.

**Sabine Neches Waterway**

The following restrictions are in effect:

1. Vessels greater than 500-gross tons (GT) are restricted until an assessment of deep draft channels are completed.
2. Individual vessel movements must be approved by VTS Port Arthur or the Captain of the Port (if VTS is not available). For movement requests contact “Port Arthur Traffic” on VHF-FM 01A or 65A or by phone to (409) 460-0435.
3. All approved vessel movements are restricted to daylight hours only and speeds not to exceed 12 knots until further notice.
4. Vessels given permission to transit will exercise extreme caution due to unknown hazards. They are required to report wrecks, hazards, aids to navigation discrepancies, oil pollution or other concerns to the contacts listed above.

The Coast Guard will issue a Broadcast Notice to Mariners and Marine Safety Information Bulletins updating Port Conditions and waterway status as it changes.

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/vtsportarthur/>. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please call MSU Port Arthur at (409) 723-6500 or MSU Lake Charles at (337) 912-0073.

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