



## **Marine Safety Information Bulletin**

**17-20**

**August 29, 2020**

**Hurricane Laura**

### **PORT CONDITION ZULU – Calcasieu Waterway PORT CONDITION RECOVERY – Sabine-Neches Waterway**

As of 8:00 p.m. August 29, 2020, Port Condition Zulu remains in effect for the Calcasieu Waterway.

As of 8:00 p.m. August 29, 2020, Port Condition - Recovery remains in effect for the Sabine-Neches Waterway.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), U.S. Coast Guard and select private assets are responding to assess and survey these waterways and make recommendations for the safe reopening of the waterway. A dry dock remains sunk in the Sabine-Neches Canal 2-miles south of Beans Fleet.

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 allowed at this time.

#### **Sabine Neches Waterway**

The Sabine-Neches Waterway is open to limited traffic. 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. Test runs of limited draft vessels will begin a.m. August 30, 2020.
2. A dry dock is sunk in the Sabine-Neches Canal 2-miles south of Beans Fleet. No vessels may operate within ½ mile of the sunk dry dock without permission of “Port Arthur Traffic” (VTS) or the Captain of the Port.
  - a. While the dry dock remains sunk in the channel, no vessels will be allowed to pass during night time hours.
  - b. Barge configurations allowed to pass will be limited based on the condition and location of the dry dock. Contact “Port Arthur Traffic” for details.
3. The Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) from the West Port Arthur (Highway 87) Bridge west to High Island is open to eastbound and westbound inland traffic. NOTE – tows bound for points north or east of the sunk dry dock should expect delays.

4. The GIWW from Orange Cut east to Calcasieu River is closed to all traffic. Power lines are down and in the water at MM 260.
5. Shallow draft vessels and tows may operate on the Neches River and Sabine River north of the sunk dry dock in the vicinity of Sabine-Neches Canal LT “60” and normal VTS protocols are in place.
6. Shallow draft vessels and tows may operate on the south of the sunk dry dock in the vicinity of Sabine-Neches Canal LT “60” and normal VTS protocols are in effect.

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

This notice will be posted on the Coast Guard’s HOMEPORT website at <http://homeport.uscg.mil> and the VTS website at <https://www.atlanticaarea.uscg.mil/vtsportarthur/>. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please call VTS Port Arthur at (409) 460-0435 or MSU Lake Charles at (337) 912-0073.

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