



Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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August 31, 2020

Hurricane Laura

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

As of 8:00 p.m. August 31, 2020, the Captain of the Port has set Port Condition Zulu remains in effect for the Calcasieu Waterway.

As of 8:00 p.m. August 31, 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 have responded and assessed most of the federally maintained channels. A rig remains located in, and obstructing, the offshore Calcasieu Channel for deep draft ships. Salvage operations to refloat a dry dock sunk in the Sabine-Neches Canal 2-miles south of Beans Fleet are on-going. Traffic on the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) remains restricted by downed power lines at Mile Marker 260 and two swing bridges are currently closed. Many aids to navigation remain discrepant.

Calcasieu Waterway

1. No vessel movements are allowed without permission of the Captain of the Port. Requests for vessel movements may be directed to (409) 460-0435.

Sabine Neches Waterway

The Sabine-Neches Waterway is open with restrictions as follows:

1. Salvage operations are ongoing to raise and move a sunk dry dock in the vicinity of Sabine-Neches Canal LT “60.” No vessel may pass the salvage operation without the permission of the Captain of the Port. At this time, only light tows and smaller vessels will be allowed to pass during daylight hours. Requests to pass should be directed to VTS Port Arthur on VHF-FM Channel 65A or by phone to (409) 719-5070.
2. Deep draft traffic may operate unrestricted below the sunk dry dock in the vicinity of Sabine-Neches Canal LT “60” and normal VTS protocols are in place
3. Inland traffic including tows may operate unrestricted above and below the sunk dry dock in the vicinity of Sabine-Neches Canal LT “60” and normal VTS protocols are in place.

4. The Gulf Intracoastal Waterway from the West Port Arthur (Highway 87) Bridge west to High Island is open to eastbound and westbound inland traffic.
5. 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.

The Coast Guard will issue a Broadcast Notice to Mariners and Vessel Traffic Service Advisories updating Port Conditions and restrictions 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.atlanticarea.uscg.mil/vtsporthur/>. 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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