



Marine Safety Information Bulletin 21-20

September 2, 2020.

Hurricane Laura

**PORT CONDITION RECOVERY – Calcasieu Waterway
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As of 2:00 p.m. September 2, 2020, Port Condition - Recovery remains in effect for the Calcasieu Waterway.

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The rig located in the offshore Calcasieu Channel was removed. The dry dock sunk in the Sabine-Neches Canal 2-miles south of Beans Fleet has been removed from the channel, though assist tugs continue to push on the dry dock impacting passing traffic. Vessel 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

The Calcasieu Waterway is open with restrictions as follows:

1. Vessels of less than 30-foot draft may transit the Calcasieu River and Calcasieu Channel during daylight hours.
2. The Calcasieu River above City Docks, Clooney Island Loop and Coon Island Reach remains closed while final surveys are assessed.
3. Monkey Island Loop surveys indicate significant debris, and therefore, remains closed. Additional surveys of the federal project channel are expected.
4. The Gulf Intracoastal Waterway is open from Mile Marker 191 to Mile Marker 219 near the Gibbstown Bridge.
5. The Gulf Intracoastal Waterway remains closed from Mile Marker 219 to the Calcasieu River due to Black Bayou and Grand Lake Bridges being closed.
6. The Gulf Intracoastal Waterway remains closed at Mile Marker 260 due to downed power line. Local inland traffic is authorized.

Sabine Neches Waterway

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

1. Deep draft traffic is moving past the dry dock salvage operation. Transits of increasing draft will continue as safety of vessels and the salvage operation permit.
2. Prop wash from harbor tugs assisting in the salvage operation are causing significant water turbulence. Inland tows are not being permitted to pass the dry dock salvage operations at this time. Contact VTS Port Arthur on 65A or at (409) 719-5070 for details.
3. Light tows, small harbor tugs and similar unencumbered vessels will be allowed to pass the ongoing salvage operations without restriction.
4. Inland tows may operate unrestricted on the Sabine-Neches Waterway above and below the ongoing dry dock salvage operation.
5. The Gulf Intracoastal Waterway from Orange Cut east to Calcasieu River is closed to inland traffic due to downed power lines at Mile Marker 260. Make reports to VTS Port Arthur on VHF-FM Channel 65A.

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/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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