



Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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September 4, 2020

Hurricane Laura

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

As of 2:00 p.m. September 4, 2020, Port Condition - Recovery remains in effect for the Calcasieu Waterway.

As of 2:00 p.m. September 4, 2020, Port Condition - Recovery remains in effect for the Sabine-Neches Waterway.

Vessel traffic on the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) remains restricted by downed power lines at Mile Marker 260. Two swing bridges east of the Calcasieu Lock intend to open from 6 PM to 7 AM daily beginning September 4, 2020 until normal operations are restored.

Calcasieu Waterway

The Calcasieu Waterway is open with restrictions as follows:

1. Vessels of less than 36-foot draft may transit the Calcasieu River from the “CC” buoy to Lake Charles.
2. Monkey Island Loop surveys indicate significant debris. Vessels desiring to enter this waterway are advised to do so at their own discretion and to exercise due caution.
3. The Gulf Intracoastal Waterway is open from Mile Marker 191 to Mile Marker 230 near the Grand Lake Bridge. The Grand Lake and Black Bayou bridges are expected to both open daily from 6 pm to 7 am to allow inland traffic to transit. East/West traffic will be managed by the Calcasieu Lock.
4. The Gulf Intracoastal Waterway remains closed at Mile Marker 260 due to downed power lines. No vessel may approach closer than 1-nautical mile to the downed power line. No vessel may obstruct the navigable channel.

Sabine Neches Waterway

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

1. 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/vtspportarthur/>. 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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