



Marine Safety Information Bulletin
25-20
September 7, 2020
Hurricane Laura
PORT CONDITION RECOVERY – Calcasieu Waterway

As of 12:00 noon, September 7, 2020, Port Condition - Recovery remains in effect for the Calcasieu Waterway.

Shoaling in the Calcasieu Channel and Calcasieu River is restricting the draft of transiting vessels. The Grand Lake and Black Bayou bridges east of the Calcasieu Lock intend to open from 6 PM to 7 AM daily 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. Lake Charles Pilots indicate that the turning basin near the I-10 bridge is restricted to vessels of less than 34-foot draft.
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 throughout the Port Arthur Captain of the Port Zone (Mile Marker 191 to 316). The Grand Lake and Black Bayou bridges will open daily from 6 pm to 7 am to allow inland traffic to transit. Tonight, September 7, 2020, inland traffic is expected to run 6-hours each in either direction. Traffic will be managed by the Calcasieu Lock.

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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