

Marine Safety Information Bulletin 39-20 October 11, 2020 Hurricane Delta Port Condition Zulu – Calcasieu Waterway Port Condition Recovery – Sabine-Neches Waterway

As of 4:00 PM, October 11, 2020, <u>**Port Condition ZULU**</u> remains in effect for the Calcasieu Waterway.

As of 4:00 P.M. CDT, October 11, 2020, **Port Condition RECOVERY** remains in effect for the ports of Beaumont, TX; Port Arthur, TX; Orange, TX; Sabine, TX.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), U.S. Coast Guard and select private assets continue to assess and survey these waterways and make recommendations for the safe reopening of the waterway.

The Calcasieu Lock will be operational beginning 7 AM on Monday, October 12, 2020.

The Black Lake and Grand Lake Bridges are expected to be fully operational beginning 7 AM on Tuesday, October 13, 2020. Special openings may be made for hurricane response resources.

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 traffic with the following restrictions:

- 1. The Intracoastal Waterway from Port Arthur, TX west to Bolivar Roads and from Orange, TX east to the Calcasieu River is open to normal traffic.
- 2. Inland traffic, including loaded tows, may operate on the Sabine-Neches Waterway.
- 3. Vessels greater than 500-gross tons (GT), are restricted to a draft of 32-feet or less and are limited to daylight hours only seaward of gated buoys 29 and 30.

- 4. Requests for vessel movements outside of the above listed restrictions must be approved by the Captain of the Port. For movement requests contact "Port Arthur Traffic" on VHF-FM 01A or 65A or by phone to (409) 719-5070.
- 5. Vessels given permission to transit should continue to exercise extreme caution due to unknown hazards and discrepant aids to navigation. They are required to report wrecks, hazards, aids to navigation discrepancies, oil pollution or other concerns to the contacts listed above.

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 <u>http://homeport.uscg.mil</u> and the VTS website at <u>https://www.atlanticarea.uscg.mil/vtsportarthur/</u>. 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.

//s// M. A. WIKE Captain, U. S. Coast Guard Captain of the Port