



## Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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April 9, 2021

### Scheduled Channel Closure Neches River, Port Neches, TX Riverfest 2021

RIVERFEST, an annual event sponsored by the Port Neches Chamber of Commerce, is scheduled for Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021. Some RIVERFEST events will take place on the Neches River in the vicinity of Port Neches Park, including boat races and a fireworks display.

As a result, the Coast Guard will enforce Special Local Regulations adjacent to Port Neches Park in Port Neches, Texas, during race events. Specifically, vessels MAY NOT enter or remain in the portion of the Neches River, bound on the west by 30°00'00" N (near the Harrison Refinery Dock) and on the east by 93°56'00" W (near FINA upper anchorage), during the boat races. Additionally, the Coast Guard will enforce a 500-yard safety zone around the fireworks barge during the fireworks display.

The Coast Guard and other law enforcement agencies will enforce these regulations during the following times:

Apr 30, 2021:	2:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.
May 1, 2021:	8:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. 8:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. (Fireworks Display)
May 2, 2021:	8:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. 8:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. (Fireworks Rain Date)

Breaks during the racing events have been scheduled to allow shallow draft traffic to pass. Vessels desiring to transit through this area may contact on-scene patrol vessels on channel 13 or 16 VHF-FM or Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) Port Arthur on channel 65A or 13 VHF-FM.

This notice will be posted on the Coast Guard's HOMEPORT website at <http://homeport.uscg.mil> and the VTS website at [www.uscg.mil/d8/vtspportarthur](http://www.uscg.mil/d8/vtspportarthur). If you have any questions regarding this notice, please call VTS Port Arthur at (409) 719-5070.

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