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*Marine Safety Unit*  *Port Arthur, Texas*

## **Marine Safety Information Bulletin**

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### **Taylor Bayou Dredging Coordination of Vessel Traffic During Dredging Operations**

The dredge HERIBERTO CORDOA will begin dredging in Taylor Bayou the last week of February 2022. In order to minimize disruptions to dredging operations and ensure facility operations are minimally impacted, affected facilities should plan for ship movements during scheduled daily channel openings.

A Daily Traffic Coordination Schedule will be provided to impacted stakeholders for planning purposes. This schedule will be published at 8:00 p.m. daily in order to plan the next day's operations. An example of this schedule is attached to this MSIB.

Tug and barge traffic will be limited to single wide tows while dredging occurs in the narrowest portions of this waterway, specifically Section 21 and the southern end of Section 20. This restriction will be included in the Daily Traffic Coordination Schedule. To the extent possible, tows should utilize scheduled channel openings. If additional restrictions are necessary, **including implementation of channel opening windows for tows**, stakeholders will be contacted and advised before the schedule is published.

**Dredge Notifications**: The dredge HERIBERTO CORDOVA can be reached on channel 13, VHF-FM.

- Ships will provide a 2-hour notice confirming their planned transit.
- Barge tows will provide a minimum 30-minute notice of their planned transit.

Stakeholders desiring to be on distribution for the Daily Traffic Coordination Schedule should send their email information to [vtspa-sup@uscg.mil](mailto:vtspa-sup@uscg.mil).

Concerned traffic may contact Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) Port Arthur for status updates. VTS can be reached on VHF-FM 01A or 65A, by email at [vtspa-sup@uscg.mil](mailto:vtspa-sup@uscg.mil) or by phone at (409) 719-5070.

**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/vtsporthur/>. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please call Vessel Traffic Service Port Arthur at (409) 719-5070 (24-hours).**

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**DAILY TRAFFIC COORDINATION SCHEDULE**  
**EXAMPLE**  
**xx February 2022**



**Planned Channel Opening for Ship Traffic:**

AM Opening: 0730 - 0900

PM Opening: 1500 – 1700

Ships to confirm times with dredge 2-hours prior to arrival.

Tows provide minimum 30-minute notice of planned transit.

**Towing Vessel Restrictions:**

Single wide barges only (maximum 54-foot beam).

**EXAMPLE**

**NOTE:** Times are subject to change due to exigent circumstances. If times change significantly, an updated schedule will be issued.

