



Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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Sabine Pass Channel – Ship Traffic Restriction Update 1

The ITV SEA CYPRESS is partially sunk alongside several barges adjacent to Sabine Pass Channel. The barges are adequately secured but the SEA CYPRESS is secured by a few lines only. Personnel have deployed boom to mitigate pollution concerns and we expect additional lines to be deployed overnight to further stabilize the SEA CYPRESS.

The Captain of the Port (COTP) authorized the passage of a shallow draft vessel earlier today to evaluate the stability of the ITV SEA CYPRESS. The CG was satisfied with the results of that test run and the COTP further authorized vessels up to 26-feet to run overnight. Two 30-foot draft ships are scheduled for a first-light inbound transit and the CG will again evaluate the stability of the ITV SEA CYPRESS. Deeper draft vessels may be authorized tomorrow following that evaluation.

The COTP hosted a Port Coordination Team (PCT) call this evening to share the above information and to share known priorities. If transit restrictions cannot be removed, an additional PCT call will be scheduled tomorrow afternoon. Facilities and agents should continue to provide their priorities to the Sabine Pilots.

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/vtspartthur/>. 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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