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Ship Traffic Operating Protocol for the Sabine-Neches Waterway (Revised August 20, 2009)

On November 20, 2009, the membership of the Southeast Texas Waterways Advisory Council (SETWAC) endorsed the Sabine Pilot's revised Ship Traffic Operating Protocol for the Sabine-Neches Waterway as a statement of best practices and prudent seamanship for State piloted vessels on the Sabine-Neches Waterway.

This document is recognized by the Captain of the Port of Port Arthur as the basic foundation for State piloted deep draft vessel scheduling on the Sabine-Neches Waterway and reflects prudent standards of care.

Copies of the document are available at either the Sabine Pilots Website at <a href="http://www.sabinepilots.com">http://www.sabinepilots.com</a> or the VTS Port Arthur Web site at <a href="http://www.uscg.mil/d8/vtsportarthur/msib.asp">http://www.uscg.mil/d8/vtsportarthur/msib.asp</a>

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