



## **Marine Safety Information Bulletin**

**24-20**

**September 5, 2020**

**Hurricane Laura**

**PORT CONDITION RECOVERY – Calcasieu Waterway**  
**PORT CONDITION NORMAL – Sabine-Neches Waterway**

As of 2:00 p.m. September 5, 2020, Port Condition - Recovery remains in effect for the Calcasieu Waterway.

Effective at 2:00 p.m. September 5, 2020, the Captain of the Port has opened the Sabine-Neches Waterway to normal operations. There will be no further updates for the Sabine-Neches Waterway.

The downed power lines on the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) at Mile Marker 260 have been removed and the GIWW is open to vessel traffic. Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) Port Arthur will manage the orderly resumption of traffic at this location. The Grand Lake and Black Bayou bridges east of the Calcasieu Lock intend to open from 6 PM to 7 AM daily until normal operations are restored.

### **Calcasieu Waterway**

The Calcasieu Waterway is open with restrictions as follows:

1. Vessels of less than 36-foot draft may transit the Calcasieu River from the “CC” buoy to Lake Charles.
2. Monkey Island Loop surveys indicate significant debris. Vessels desiring to enter this waterway are advised to do so at their own discretion and to exercise due caution.
3. The Gulf Intracoastal Waterway is open throughout the Port Arthur Captain of the Port Zone (Mile Marker 191 to 316). The Grand Lake and Black Bayou bridges will open daily from 6 pm to 7 am to allow inland traffic to transit.
  - a. September 5, 2020: One-way westbound traffic is planned at the bridges and lock except for priority traffic. Traffic will be managed by the Calcasieu Lock.
  - b. September 6, 2020: One-way eastbound traffic is planned at the bridges and lock except for priority traffic. Traffic will be managed by the Calcasieu Lock.
  - c. VTS Port Arthur will restrict eastbound traffic until September 6, 2020 to avoid congestion near the Calcasieu River and approaches to the lock.

## **Sabine Neches Waterway**

The Sabine-Neches Waterway is open to all normal traffic.

The Coast Guard will issue a Broadcast Notice to Mariners and Vessel Traffic Service Advisories updating Port Conditions and restrictions as needed.

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/vtspportarthur/>. 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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