



## Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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October 12, 2020

**Hurricane Delta**

### **Port Condition Recovery – Calcasieu Waterway Port Condition Recovery – Sabine-Neches Waterway**

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), U.S. Coast Guard surveys and waterway assessment data for parts portions of the Port Arthur, Captain of the Port Zone and select private assets continue to assess and survey these waterways and make recommendations for the safe reopening of the waterway.

Therefore, effective at 10:00 A.M. CDT, October 12, 2020, the Captain of the Port, Port Arthur (COTP) has set **Port Condition RECOVERY** for the Calcasieu Waterway.

As of 10:00 A.M. CDT, October 12, 2020, **Port Condition RECOVERY** remains in effect for the Ports of Beaumont, TX; Port Arthur, TX; Orange, TX and Sabine, TX.

Permission for vessel movements on these waterways will be managed by Marine Safety Unit (MSU) Port Arthur Captain of the Port and MSU Lake Charles as follows:

#### **Calcasieu Waterway**

1. No movements are permitted for vessels with drafts of 25-feet or greater.
2. Commercial vessels with drafts less than 25-feet are permitted during daylight hours only.
3. Inland traffic may transit the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) beginning at noon today. The following schedule will be observed:
  - a. At 12-noon today, the Grand Lake Bridge will open to westbound traffic for three hours. Twenty westbound tows will be allowed to stage between the Grand Lake and Black Bayou Bridges.
  - b. At 3:00 PM today, the Grand Lake Bridge will close and the Black Bayou Bridge will open to allow west bound tows to transit.
  - c. Once all westbound tows are clear of the Calcasieu Lock, east bound tows will be allowed to transit to the Grand Lake Bridge.

- d. At 9:00 PM tonight, the Black Bayou Bridge will close and the Grand Lake Bridge will open to clear east bound tows. Once eastbound tows have cleared, westbound tows may begin moving.
- e. Beginning at 6:00 AM on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 the Black Bayou Bridge and Grand Lake Bridge will resume their normal 24-hour operations.

### **Sabine Neches Waterway**

The Sabine-Neches Waterway is open to traffic with the following restrictions:

1. Vessels greater than 500-gross tons (GT) may transit with drafts to the full project depth of 40-feet EXCEPT that vessels with drafts greater than 32-feet are limited to daylight hours only on Sabine Bank and Outer Bar Channels (seaward of gated buoys 29 and 30).
2. The Sabine-Neches Waterway is open to unrestricted inland traffic. GIWW traffic should note the lock and bridge schedule listed above.

NOTE – Aids to navigation remain discrepant throughout the area. Offshore buoys are off-station on both the Calcasieu and Sabine-Neches Waterway. Mariners are advised to listen to broadcast notice to mariners, VTS Advisories and exercise all due caution while transiting.

The Coast Guard will issue a Broadcast Notice to Mariners and Marine Safety Information Bulletins updating Port Conditions 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/vtsporthur/>. 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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