



## Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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October 14, 2020

**Hurricane Delta**

**Port Condition Recovery – Calcasieu Waterway**

**Normal Operations – Sabine-Neches Waterway**

### Calcasieu Waterway

Salvage operations continue on an offshore rig located in Calcasieu Channel near buoy 22. A sunk rock barge remains located in Calcasieu Channel near buoy 37 and is marked by buoy labelled WR 37A. Survey operations continue to look for debris and hazards to navigation. Many offshore aids to navigation are off station. The Calcasieu Lock, Black Bayou Bridge and Grand Lake Bridge are operating normally and the vessel queue has been cleared.

Therefore, as of 2:00 P.M. CDT, October 14, 2020, **Port Condition RECOVERY** remains in effect for the Port of Lake Charles and the Calcasieu Channel.

Permission for vessel movements on these waterways will be managed by Marine Safety Unit (MSU) Lake Charles as follows:

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 both daylight and evening hours from Calcasieu River LT 48 inland.
3. Commercial vessels with drafts less than 25-feet are permitted seaward of Calcasieu River LT 48 during daylight hours only.
4. The Gulf Intracoastal Waterway is open without restriction.

### Sabine Neches Waterway

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) surveys and other waterway assessment data for the Sabine-Neches Waterway have been reviewed. The Coast Guard has corrected the minimum number of aids to navigation discrepancies necessary to open Sabine Bank Channel to normal, 24x7 operations.

Therefore, effective at 2:00 P.M. CDT, October 14, 2020, the Captain of the Port, Port Arthur (COTP) is rescinding **Port Condition RECOVERY** and reopening Sabine Bank Channel to normal operations.

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/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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