



## Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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### **Hazardous Weather and River Conditions Sabine-Neches and Calcasieu Waterways**

The National Weather Service (NWS) Lake Charles office has issued a **flash flood watch** for the entire Port Arthur Captain of the Port Zone that will remain in effect until 7 p.m., Thursday, May 20, 2021. Rainfall predictions of 5 – 10 inches with localized areas of 15 – 20 inches are possible.

The NWS Lake Charles has also issued a **flash flood warning** for portions of the Sabine and Neches Rivers. The Neches River at the Saltwater Barrier and at Beaumont are forecast to rise above major flood stage Friday into this weekend. Historically, significant heavy rainfall has resulted in strong currents at the West Port Arthur Bridge (Gulf Intracoastal Waterway Mile Marker 289), the Causeway Bridge at the entrance to Sabine Lake, and the Calcasieu Locks (Gulf Intracoastal Waterway Mile Marker 238).

Mariners should expect and prepare for increased water levels and stronger than normal currents. Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) Port Arthur is monitoring waterway conditions and will issue advisories as appropriate. VTS Port Arthur operates on VHF-FM Channels 01A and 65A. The Calcasieu Locks can be reached at (337) 477-1482 and operate on VHF-FM Channel 14.

This notice will be posted on the Coast Guard's HOMEPORT website at <http://homeport.uscg.mil> and the VTS website at [www.uscg.mil/d8/vtspportarthur](http://www.uscg.mil/d8/vtspportarthur). If you have any questions regarding this notice, please call VTS Port Arthur at (409) 719-5070.

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