



Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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Update to Coast Pilot

The Coast Pilot is published by the National Ocean Service (NOS), an office within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). The Coast Pilot supplements navigational information shown on NOAA nautical charts and is relied on by mariners not familiar with the local area.

The Coast Pilot includes information such as channel descriptions, anchorages, bridge and cable clearances, currents, tide and water levels, prominent features, pilotage, towage, weather, ice conditions, facilities, wharf descriptions, availability of stores, dangers, routes, traffic separation schemes, small-craft facilities, and Federal regulations applicable to navigation. The publication is updated and maintained from inspections conducted by NOAA survey vessels and field parties, corrections published in Notices to Mariners, information from other Federal agencies, State and local governments, maritime and pilots' associations, port authorities, and concerned mariners.

In an effort to ensure that information describing the Sabine-Neches and Calcasieu Waterways is accurate, NOAA and the Captain of the Port, Port Arthur are working on a consolidated update for the portions describing these areas. Therefore, we are requesting the expert assistance of our maritime stakeholders to review and validate Coast Pilot data including navigational descriptions and guidelines, facility information, towing services, and applicable regulations. The information being reviewed is in two sections:

- Coast Pilot 5, Chapter 10, Pages 415 – 426 (Sabine-Neches Waterway)
- Coast Pilot 5, Chapter 9, Pages 404 – 413 (Calcasieu and Mermentau Waterways)
- Coast Pilot 5, Chapter 12, Chart 11331, Pages 496 – 497 (Gulf Intracoastal Waterway)

Coast Pilot 5 is available for review here: https://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/publications/coast-pilot/files/cp5/CPB5_WEB.pdf

We anticipate submitting a consolidated update on or about October 31, 2021. Please submit change recommendations to vtspa-sup@uscg.mil. Thank you for your contributions.

This notice will be posted on the HOMEPORT website at <http://homeport.uscg.mil> and the VTS Port Arthur website at <https://www.atlanticarea.uscg.mil/vtspportarthur/>. If you have questions, please contact MSU Port Arthur at (409) 723-6500 or MSU Lake Charles at (337) 912-0073.

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