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Neches River Opening (with Restrictions) Capsized Vessel and Anchor Cable – Update 1

An anchor barge with “A” frame remains capsized in the Neches River in the vicinity of Total ship docks, immediately upriver from the Veterans and Rainbow Bridges in approximate position 29° 58’64.65”N 093°52’53.5”W. Nine hundred feet of steel cable was recovered from the channel. A survey of the channel was completed this morning and no discernable objects were identified in the ship channel.

The Captain of the Port has approved the movement of ship traffic past the barge location. Vessel Traffic Service Port Arthur will enforce no meeting or overtaking in the vicinity of the capsized barge and salvage operation. Total docks 1 and 3 have been opened for barge traffic with restrictions.

A crane barge is en route to complete the salvage of the capsized barge and is expected late this evening. We expect additional waterway restriction may be required during the salvage of the barge. We will issue another MSIB when details are available.

Concerned traffic may contact Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) Port Arthur for the latest updates. VTS can be reached on VHF-FM 01A or 65A, by email at vtspa-sup@uscg.mil or by phone at (409) 719-5070.

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 Vessel Traffic Service Port Arthur at (409) 719-5070 (24-hours).

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