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Sabine Bank Channel Obstruction Pipeline Removal Operations and Impacts to Sabine-Neches Waterway – Update 3

As described in MSIB 21-22 and 23-22, and 26-22, the lay barge SPEEDY arrived at Sabine Bank Channel on June 23, 2022 to begin pipeline removal operations. The vessel will be positioned in the vicinity of buoys 5/6 using a number of anchors and cables that cross the channel preventing ship traffic from transiting.

This MSIB updates scheduled channel restrictions based on current operations. The schedule at present is:

June 23, 2022	2:00 p.m.	Lay barge operations, <u>channel restricted</u> 24-hours.
June 24, 2022	2:00 p.m.	Lay barge repositioned, <u>channel unrestricted</u> .
June 25, 2022	2:00 p.m.	Lay barge operations, <u>channel restricted</u> 24-hours.
June 26, 2022	2:00 p.m.	Lay barge repositioned, <u>channel unrestricted</u> .
June 27, 2022	2:00 p.m.	Lay barge operations, <u>channel restricted</u> 24-hours.
June 28, 2022	2:00 p.m.	Lay barge repositioned, <u>channel unrestricted</u> .
June 29, 2022	2:00 p.m.	TBD

Reminder: Shallower draft ships may choose to anchor in the Sabine Pass Inshore fairway anchorage in advance of the planned restriction or bypass the affected area by using the Aransas Pass to Calcasieu Pass safety fairway. The Sabine Pilots are available to discuss scheduling concerns.

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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