



Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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Dredge Operations Sabine-Neches Waterway

Dredging operations are a common occurrence on the Sabine-Neches Waterway and are expected to become even more prevalent when the planned deepening and widening project begins. The placement of floating and submerged pipelines, anchors, anchor barges, and the dredge itself can increase the complexity of navigating already confined waters.

Dredge operators are reminded that the hydrodynamic effects created by large tankers and similar sized vessels operating in a very narrow waterway can move pipelines that are not adequately secured. It is the dredge company's responsibility to ensure that pipelines, whether in use or storage, are adequately secured, and that floating dredge pipelines are properly lighted in accordance with the requirements of 33 CFR 83.27(d)(4).

Mariners are urged to navigate with caution and increased awareness in the vicinity of dredge operations and dredge pipelines. Mariners should report unlighted pipelines, poorly secured pipelines, and those that have broken free from their moorings to Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) Port Arthur on channels 65A, 01A or 13 VHF-FM radio 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 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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