



## Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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### **UPDATE** **Safety Zone - Channel Restrictions** **Sabine Pass Channel**

The 68-foot fishing vessel Captain Kevin remains sunk in Sabine Pass Channel in position 29° 38.87N 093° 49.73W. The vessel is sitting on the bottom with outriggers visible above the surface. The vessel's position or aspect has not changed since it sank. Response operations are ongoing.

The Captain of the Port, Port Arthur has established a safety zone 500-yards north and south of the sunken vessel extending from east to west jetty. Vessel traffic will be permitted to transit through the safety zone under the following conditions.

#### Shallow Draft Traffic:

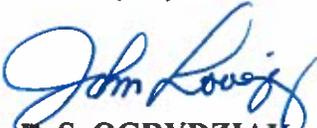
1. Vessels must remain 220-yards from the sunken vessel. This equates to transiting on the eastern half of the navigable channel.
2. Transiting vessels must maintain a minimum wake speed / slow bell.

#### Deep Draft Traffic:

1. No meeting or overtaking within the safety zone (one way traffic).
2. Maintain a minimum wake speed.
3. Remain 220-yards from the sunken vessel. This equates to transiting on the eastern half of the navigable channel.

Periodic channel closures may be required during certain response operations over the next several days. Notice of closures will be made by VTS Advisory on channel 01A VHF-FM and Broadcast Notice to Mariners. Concerned traffic should monitor the VHF-FM channels 01A and channel 22A for updated information. The VTS Watch Supervisor can be reached at (409) 719-5070.

This notice will be posted on the HOMEPORT website at <http://homeport.uscg.mil>. If you have any questions, please contact VTS Port Arthur at (409) 719-5070 or MSU Port Arthur at (409) 723-6500.

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