



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 tug JUDY ANN and barge is on scene with divers and response operations are ongoing.

The Captain of the Port, Port Arthur safety zone remains in effect. The safety zone extends 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: Vessels less than 28-foot draft may transit with the following restrictions.

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: Vessels greater than 28-feet may transit with the following restrictions.

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.
4. VTS will coordinate 30-minute notice to divers so they can exit the water during passage of deep draft traffic.

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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