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ST. JOHNS RIVER CHANNEL CLOSURE

The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary fixed safety zone within the Dames Point Fulton Cutoff Range on the St. Johns River, Jacksonville, Florida. The temporary safety zone encompasses a 700-yard radius around the USNS BOB HOPE while moored at berth 33, Blount Island, position 30-23.4 N, 081-32.5 W. This rule is effective during loading of the USNS BOB HOPE and is necessary to protect all mariners and the general public from the hazards associated with the loading of military cargo. This closure is effective from 10 p.m. February 15, 2003, until 6 a.m. on February 16, 2003

Vessels may not pass through this zone. For further information contact the Blount Island Command Post on VHF-FM channel 16 or the Coast Guard Marine Safety Office at (904) 232-2640, with any questions regarding the safety zone.

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