



Marine Safety Information Bulletin
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FINAL UPDATE
Channel Limitations REMOVED– Sabine-Neches Canal

Contractors have completed removal of debris from the ship canal adjacent to the Highway 82 / Martin Luther King (Gulfgate) bridge in Port Arthur, TX. As contractors worked diligently to remove the debris, Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) Port Arthur implemented minimal measures necessary to facilitate vessel traffic while minimizing risk.

Effective 3:00 p.m. on Friday, January 17, 2014, VTS measures restricting the draft of transiting vessels and requiring vessels to favor the red (east) side of the Sabine-Neches Canal have been rescinded. The VTS will continue to enforce the prohibition of vessels from meeting or overtaking within 1,000 feet of the bridge to protect ongoing salvage and construction efforts. I offer my personal thanks to all those involved who helped facilitate the continued safe movement of vessel traffic throughout this event.

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 or concerns regarding this notice, please contact the VTS Port Arthur Watch Supervisor at (409) 719-5070.

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