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West Port Arthur Bridge, Highway 87, ICWW mile 288.8
Fender Works Repair

On May 9, 2011, repair work will begin on the southwest side protective fender works of the West Port Arthur Bridge. The work is expected to last two months. Shallow draft inland tow traffic may be affected.

The width of the navigable channel within the bridge spans will not be reduced from the present 210' during repairs. However, there may be occasional short term restrictions or cautions, depending on the stage of repair and the activity of the contractors.

Mariners should contact VTS Port Arthur prior to transiting through the bridge. VTS Port Arthur will monitor the repairs and advise mariners of any advisories in effect. Mariners should use extreme caution but should be able to travel at reasonable wake speeds when navigating in the vicinity of the bridge span.

Mariners may contact VTS Port Arthur on VHF channels 01A, 65A, 13, and 16 or they can call the VTS Supervisor at 409-719-5070.

This notice will be posted on the HOMEPORT website http://homeport.uscg.mil and the VTS Website http://www.uscg.mil/d8/vtsportarthur/msib.asp. If you have any questions, please call MSU Port Arthur at (409) 723-6500.

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