



Marine Safety Information Bulletin
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Safety Zone - Channel Restrictions
Sabine Pass Channel

At approximately 3:00 a.m. on July 11, 2016 the 68-foot fishing vessel Captain Kevin sank in Sabine Pass Channel in position 29° 38.87N 093° 49.73W. An initial survey indicated the vessel is sitting on the bottom with outriggers visible above the surface. 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.

In order to facilitate commerce, the Captain of the Port will permit vessels 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: The Captain of the Port may allow individual deep draft vessels to transit to determine the effect on the sunken vessel. Once satisfied that the vessel is not in danger of moving into the navigable channel, additional deep draft traffic may be permitted. The following restrictions will apply to all deep draft vessels transiting the safety zone.

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.

Pollution response teams are deployed and salvage efforts may begin as soon as this evening. Concerned traffic should monitor the VHF-FM channels 01A (VTS Channel) 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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