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Safety and Security Zone for Dead Ship Tow of the Adonis.
Beaumont Ready Reserve Fleet to Sea.
April 23, 2008

REVISED/RE-SCHEDULED

The dead ship tow Adonis (820' x 124' plus 5 attending tugs) is re-scheduled to depart the Ready Reserve Fleet, Beaumont, Texas at 7:00 A. M. on Wednesday, April 23, 2008.

The Captain of the Port, Port Arthur, Texas will institute a Safety Zone for the Sabine-Neches Canal and the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway from mile 277 to mile 290 (Neches River Intersection to Texaco Island Intersection) for the outbound transit. The Safety and Security zone will be in effect for an approximately four hour period between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M., Wednesday, April 23, 2008.

Inbound/eastbound vessels will not be allowed to meet the dead ship tow Adonis without the permission of the Captain of the Port while they are transiting the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway from mile 277 to mile 290. Outbound and westbound vessels, with the permission of the Captain of the Port, will be allowed to transit both ahead of, and behind the Adonis during the transit.

Vessel Traffic Service Port Arthur will coordinate commercial traffic and keep mariners informed of the progress of the Adonis and the current status of the Safety Zone.

VTS Port Arthur can be contacted on VHF channel 65A or 01A, or by telephone at 409-719-5070. On scene patrol boats can be contacted on VHF channel 16 or 13.

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

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