



Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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Waterway Openings and Restrictions Sabine Neches Waterway/Calcasieu Waterway

The draft restriction on the Calcasieu Ship Channel is revised from 39' to 38' because of shoaling in the deep draft channel indicated by post-hurricane Ike surveys.

The daytime draft restriction on the Sabine-Neches Waterway is removed. Daylight transits on the Sabine-Neches are authorized at project depth.

The nighttime draft restriction on the Sabine-Neches Waterway is revised from 30' to 33' draft. Further lifting of nighttime draft restrictions is dependent on replacement of critical aids to navigation destroyed by hurricane IKE. This work is in progress and a relaxing of nighttime restrictions is expected within a few days.

The following is the current status of all waterways in the Port Arthur Captain of the Port Zone:

Calcasieu Waterway:	Day/Night Draft Restriction: 38' draft
Sabine-Neches Waterway:	Daytime Draft Restriction: 40' depth. Nighttime Draft Restriction: 33' draft.
Gulf Intracoastal Waterway:	Open to traffic from mile 319 to mile 191, unrestricted.

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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