



**Marine Safety Information Bulletin  
45-08**

**September 23, 2008**

**HURRICANE IKE  
Waterway Closure, ICWW mile 290  
Gulf Intracoastal Waterway**

Effective at 6:00 A. M. Wednesday, September 24, 2008, the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway will be closed to westbound traffic at West Port Arthur bridge, mile 290, for a period of approximately 24 hours.

This closure is necessary to clear the over 75 inland barge tows that are presently staged in the Intracoastal Waterway from mile 290 to mile 319 and the large backlog of eastbound traffic that is waiting to come to Port Arthur from Houston.

Contact VTS Port Arthur at 409-719-5070 for the most current updates or if you have any questions.

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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