



Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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Safety and Security Zone for Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Ship Transit Sabine Pass, Texas

The Captain of the Port, Port Arthur, Texas will institute a Safety and Security Zone for the Sabine Bank Channel and the Sabine-Neches Canal near Sabine Pass, Texas, for the inbound transit of the LNG ship CELESTINE RIVER. The Safety and Security zone will be in effect for an approximately three hour period between the hours of 12:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M., Friday, April 11, 2008. **This event signals the arrival of the first LNG vessel to the Sabine-Neches Waterway.**

The northern boundary of the Safety and Security Zone is south of Mesquite Point on the Sabine-Neches Canal. The southern boundary of the Safety and Security Zone is beyond the southern end of the Sabine Jetties at buoys 33 and 34 on the Sabine Bank Channel.

During the period of the Safety and Security Zone, no vessels will be allowed to transit into, or get underway within the zone without the permission of the Captain of the Port or his on-scene representative. For this first vessel, it is anticipated that very few vessels will receive Captain of the Port permission to enter the Safety and Security Zone; however, it is expected that permission may be routinely granted for vessels to enter the Safety and Security Zone on future transits.

U. S. Coast Guard, Jefferson County Sheriff, Cameron Parish Sheriff, and other cooperating agency patrol boats will enforce the conditions of the Safety and Security Zone. Vessel Traffic Service Port Arthur will coordinate commercial traffic and keep mariners informed of the actual times and the current status of the Safety and Security Zone.

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

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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