



Marine Safety Information Bulletin
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Shoaling Advisory, Sabine River
Black Bayou Cut to Orange, Texas

UPDATE

Recent U. S. Army Corps of Engineer surveys confirm that channel depths in the Sabine River, beginning in the vicinity of Black Bayou Cut (ICWW mile marker 271) and continuing westward to Orange, Texas, are well below the 30 foot charted depth. Shoaling is especially prominent on the outer edges of the charted channel which severely restricts the channel width for deep draft vessels.

Until maintenance dredging is performed, vessels are advised to use extreme caution when transiting this area. In addition, vessel operators or shippers with vessels approaching or exceeding 19 feet of draft should contact Vessel Traffic Service, Port Arthur at 409-719-5070, or on VHF channel 65A, with vessel specifics and transit plans prior to their transit.

A copy of the latest soundings for the Sabine River is posted on the VTS Port Arthur website at www.uscg.mil/d8/vtsportarthur.

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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