



## **Marine Safety Information Bulletin 02-10**

**1:30 P. M., Sunday, January 24, 2010**

### **Channel Closure (Safety Zone) Vessel Collision and Oil Spill Sabine-Neches Waterway**

The safety zone established in the Sabine-Neches Waterway now extends from the North Forty at latitude  $29^{\circ}56.4'N$  to Texas Point at latitude  $29^{\circ}40.8'N$ . No vessel may enter the safety zone without the permission of the Captain of the Port or his designee.

West to northwest winds and strong ebb currents are expected to move oil south of Mesquite Point over the next 24-36 hours.

Therefore, the Captain of the Port recommends that vessels south of Mesquite Point and not yet impacted by the oil take all prudent precautions to minimize and mitigate potential impacts should the oil move further south as expected. Precautions may include sailing vessels moored to an alternate port or booming vessel and facilities structures. Facilities should make alternate berthing arrangements for vessels bound for the Sabine-Neches Waterway.

Vessels desiring to depart from unaffected portions of Sabine Pass Channel must obtain permission from the Captain of the Port and should contact VTS Port Arthur at (409) 719-5070 or VHF-FM Channels 01A or 65A.

The Coast Guard continues to monitor this situation and will keep the port community up to date of any changes through the Port Coordination Team (PCT) and Marine Safety Information Bulletins.

This notice will be posted on the HOMEPORTR website <http://homeport.uscg.mil> and the VTS Website <http://www.uscg.mil/d8/vtspportarthur/msib.asp>

  
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