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**U.S. COAST GUARD**

*Marine Safety Unit*

*Port Arthur, Texas*

## **Marine Safety Information Bulletin**

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### **Channel Closure for Salvage and Survey Operations ICW MM 279 - Old River Entrance to Bean's East Fleet Port Arthur, TX**

The towing vessel KACIE LUHR lost a load of rock and is presently disabled with barges in position 29-57.53N 093-51.41W, between Sabine-Neches Canal buoys 62A and 64A, approximately ICW Mile 279. The Army Corp of Engineers is actively surveying the channel.

To facilitate the safety of the KACIE LUHR and salvage operations the Captain of the Port has established a safety zone for all waters of the Sabine-Neches Canal between the entrance to Old River at 29° 56.9N, 093° 51.72W and Bean's East Fleet at 29° 57.95N, 093° 51.3W.

Under the conditions of the safety zone, no vessel may enter the safety zone without the permission of the Captain of the Port, Port Arthur. To facilitate traffic, the Captain of the Port intends to permit harbor tugs, light tows and similar size vessels to transit through the safety zone at "no wake" speed on a case by case basis. VTS Port Arthur and U.S. Coast Guard patrol boats on scene will authorize transits, coordinate traffic and enforce the safety zone.

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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