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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
UPDATE

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 Safety Zone remains in effect until further notice.

Salvage/rock removal operations to remove rock from the ship channel will begin at 5:00 P.M. today, March 13, 2007, and continue until dark. No inland tow traffic will be allowed to pass during the rock removal operation from 5:00 P.M. until sunset.

Salvage operations, expected to take approximately 4 hours, to remove the MV KACIE LUHR and two deck barges will begin at 06:00 A.M. Wednesday, March 14, 2007, and continue until finished. No traffic will be allowed to pass during the salvage operation.

Channel conditions and the resumption of deep draft traffic will be re-evaluated after completion of the salvage and the rock removal.

VTS Port Arthur and U. S. Coast Board boats on scene will continue to coordinate and enforce the Safety Zone. Contact VTS Port Arthur 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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