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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, 08:00 A. M. March 15, 2007

The towing vessel **KACIE LUHR** and two rock barges have been removed from the Sabine-Neches channel in the vicinity of ICWW mile 279.

Recovery and survey operations to remove the rock from the bottom of the ship channel were completed at approximately 8:00 P.M. Wednesday, March 15, 2007, and the channel was re-opened to deep draft traffic up to the project depth of 40 feet. The Safety Zone for the Sabine-Neches Waterway was cancelled.

The Sabine Pilots departed virtually all in-port outbound vessels during the late afternoon and night last night, and started inbound, daylight restricted deep draft transits on schedule at daylight this morning; however, early morning fog may delay some of the inbound vessels as they transit to their destinations. Specific deep draft vessel schedules can be obtained from the Sabine Pilots

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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