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Marine Safety Unit Port Arthur, Texas

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Scheduled Channel Closure
Sabine River, Orange, Texas

"Showdown on the Sabine," an annual boat race sponsored by the Orange, Texas Convention and Visitors Bureau, is scheduled for September 24-25, 2011. This two-day boat race will take place on the Sabine River in the vicinity of the Orange, Texas public boat ramp.

To ensure public safety, the Captain of the Port will enforce Special Local Regulation adjacent to the public boat ramp during the race. No vessel may enter or remain in the Sabine River between Navy Pier One on the north and latitude 30°05'33" N (vicinity of CBH Shipyard) to the south.

The Coast Guard and other law enforcement agencies will enforce the regulations as follows:

Sep 24, 2011:	**8 a.m. until 6 p.m.**
Sep 25, 2011:	**8 a.m. until 6 p.m.**

Breaks in the race events have been scheduled to allow shallow draft traffic to pass. Vessels desiring to transit through this area may contact Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) Port Arthur on channels 13 or 65A VHF-FM or the on scene Coast Guard vessel on channel 13 or 16 VHF-FM.

This notice will be posted on the Coast Guard's HOMEPORT website http://homeport.uscg.mil and the VTS Website www.uscg.mil/d8/vtsportarthur. If you have any questions, please call VTS Port Arthur at (409) 719-5070.

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