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**U.S. COAST GUARD**

*Marine Safety Unit*

*Port Arthur, Texas*

## **Marine Safety Information Bulletin**

**12-07**

**May 2, 2007**

### **Scheduled Channel Closure (May 12-13, 2007)**

#### **Neches River, Port Neches, TX**

**RIVERFEST**, an annual event sponsored by the Port Neches Chamber of Commerce, is scheduled for May 10-13, 2007. Some **RIVERFEST** events take place on the Neches River in the vicinity of Port Neches Park. Events include boat races and a fireworks display.

The Captain of the Port, Port Arthur will enforce Special Local Regulations adjacent to Port Neches Park in Port Neches, TX, as specified in 33 CFR 100.801. Specifically, no vessel may enter or remain in that portion of the Neches River bound on the west by 30°00'00" N (near the old Harrison Refinery Dock) and bounded on the east by 93°55'54"W (near FINA upper anchorage).

The Special Local Regulations will remain in effect from 8 a.m. May 12 until 10 p.m. May 13, 2007. The Coast Guard and other law enforcement agencies will enforce the regulations from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m. each date with scheduled breaks to allow shallow draft traffic to pass. Vessels desiring to transit through this area may contact VTS Port Arthur on channel 13/65A VHF-FM or the on scene Coast Guard vessel on channel 13/16 VHF-FM.

This notice will be posted on the **HOMEPORT** website <http://homeport.uscg.mil> and the VTS Website <http://www.uscg.mil/d8/vts/portarthur/index.htm>. If you have any questions, please call VTS Port Arthur at (409) 719-5070.

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