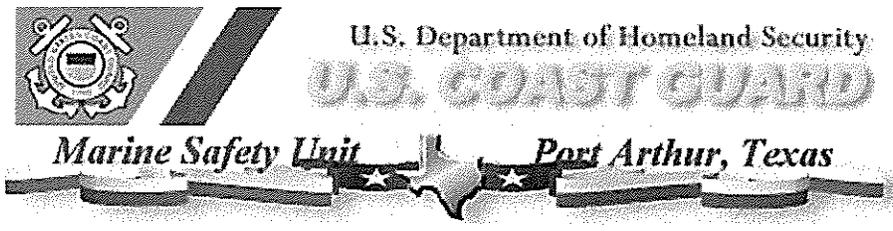


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**West Port Arthur Bridge, Highway 87, ICWW mile 288.8**  
**Fender Works Repair**  
**UPDATE**

The contractor, Midwest Foundation Corporation, is presently working to replace the north-side fender works of the West Port Arthur Bridge at mile 288.8 ICWW. This project affects shallow draft inland tow traffic, but does not affect deep draft ship traffic. Access to the boat ramp and landing on the north side of the bridge is closed until repairs are complete.

At times during the repair project, the width of the navigable channel within the bridge spans will be reduced from the original 240' to 160' because of the presence of contractor equipment on site. The channel width may be further reduced to 126' at other times to allow for the unloading of material barges. For night-time operations, the contractor equipment moored in the bridge span will be marked with white lights on the outboard corners. Mariners are advised to use extreme caution and create as little wake as possible when transiting this area.

It is recommended that mariners contact VTS Port Arthur prior to transit through the bridge. VTS Port Arthur will monitor contractor activities and advise mariners of the available clearance. When the presence of material barges restricts the horizontal channel width to less than 160', VTS Port Arthur will recommend restricted tow sizes to maximum 750' overall length.

Mariners may contact VTS Port Arthur on VHF channels 01A, 65A, 13, and 16. Or, they can call the VTS Supervisor at 409-719-5070.

This notice will be posted on the HOMEPORTR website <http://homeport.uscg.mil>. If you have any questions, please call MSU Port Arthur at (409) 723-6500.

  
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