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Marine Safety Unit

Port Arthur, Texas

Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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Port Status Following Hurricane Humberto Port Arthur, TX and Lake Charles, LA

The following is an overview of the status of waterways and restrictions within the Captain of the Port, Port Arthur area of responsibility:

Gulf Intracoastal Waterway: Unrestricted since 08:00 A.M. Thursday, September 12, 2007.

Calcasieu Ship Channel: Unrestricted since 06:00 AM Friday, September 14, 2007.

Sabine/Neches Waterway, Offshore Sabine Pass to Taylor's Bayou (Texaco Island): Unrestricted effective 4:00 P.M. Friday, September 14, 2007.

Sabine/Neches Waterway, Taylor's Bayou (Texaco Island) to Beaumont: Presently restricted to 32 foot draft; however, surveys are in progress with the anticipation that the entire waterway will be Unrestricted effective 10:00 Saturday, September 15, 2007.

In anticipation of the lifting of draft restrictions, the Sabine Pilots are scheduling deep draft vessels inbound to Taylor's Bayou (Texaco Island) this evening, and they are starting vessels inbound from offshore to Neches River destinations at 05:00 A.M. Saturday, September 15, 2007. Check with the Sabine Pilots for specific vessel scheduling.

Pending final survey results, all waterways in the Port Arthur Captain of the Port zone should be restored to full project draft and unrestricted operations by 10:00 A.M. Saturday, September 15, 2007.

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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