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Waterway Openings and Restrictions
Gulf Intracoastal Waterway

Effective 6:00 PM CDT, September 19, 2008, the Captain of the Port, Port Arthur, Texas, announced the following channel openings and restrictions for the Port Arthur Captain of the Port zone:

The Gulf Intracoastal Waterway from mile 290 (West Port Arthur Bridge) to High Island (mile 319), is open to daylight only traffic with the following tow size* and horsepower restrictions. These restrictions are in effect because of the unusually strong currents post-hurricane Ike at the West Port Arthur bridge:

Tows up to 400' long x up to 54' wide:	No Restrictions
Tows up to 400' long x up to 70' wide:	1200 hp plus assist vessel.
Tows up to 600' long x up to 54' wide:	1200 hp plus assist vessel.
Tows up to 600' long x up to 70' wide:	1600 hp plus assist vessel.

- Nighttime transits not authorized.
-* Tow size does NOT include the towing vessel.

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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