



Marine Safety Information Bulletin
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**Shoaling Advisory, Sabine River,
Neches River Intersection to Orange, TX**

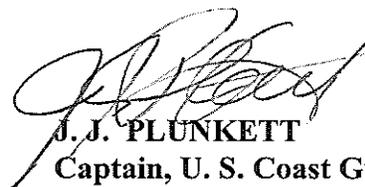
Recent U. S. Army Corps of Engineer surveys confirm that channel depths in the Sabine River between the Neches River/ICWW intersection and Orange, Texas, are below the 30 foot charted depth. Soundings in some portions of this stretch of waterway indicate water depths of as little as 20 feet. This area is scheduled for U. S. Army Corps of Engineer maintenance dredging during the summer of 2009.

Until maintenance dredging is performed, vessels are advised to use extreme caution when transiting this area. In addition, vessel operators or shippers with vessels approaching or exceeding 19 feet of draft are encouraged to contact the Captain of the Port with vessel specifics and transit plans prior to their transit.

A copy of the latest soundings for the Sabine River is posted on the VTS Port Arthur website at www.uscg.mil/d8/vtsportharthur.

This advisory will remain in effect until dredging is complete and the channel is restored to charted depth.

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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