



Marine Safety Information Bulletin
04-09
May 1-3, 2009

Scheduled Channel Closure (May 1-3, 2009)
Neches River, Port Neches, TX

RIVERFEST, an annual event sponsored by the Port Neches Chamber of Commerce, is scheduled for May 1-3, 2009. Some **RIVERFEST** events take place on the Neches River in the vicinity of Port Neches Park, including boat races and a fireworks display.

The Captain of the Port, Port Arthur will enforce a Safety Zone adjacent to Port Neches Park in Port Neches, Texas, during the boat races and fireworks display. 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 on the east by 93°56'00" W (near FINA upper anchorage).

A safety zone will be in effect from 3 p.m. May 1 until 10 p.m. May 3, 2009. The Coast Guard and other law enforcement agencies will enforce the regulations as follows:

May 1, 2009:	3 p.m. until 6 p.m.
May 2, 2009:	9 a.m. until 6 p.m.
	9 p.m. until 10 p.m. (Fireworks)
May 3, 2009:	9 a.m. until 6 p.m.
	9 p.m. until 10 p.m. (Fireworks Rain Date)

Breaks in the race events have been scheduled to allow shallow draft traffic to pass. Vessels desiring to transit through this area may contact VTS Port Arthur on channel 13 or 65A VHF-FM or the on scene Coast Guard vessel on channel 13 or 16 VHF-FM.

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

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Commander, U. S. Coast Guard
Captain of the Port
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