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Marine Safety Unit *Port Arthur, Texas*

Marine Safety Information Bulletin
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Channel Closure
Intracoastal Waterway - Mile 310 - 315

A collision between two towboats has closed all traffic on the Intracoastal Waterway at Mile 312, approximately 7 miles east of the High Island Bridge. The UTV CAROLINE sank and is currently sitting on the bottom with the tow blocking the channel.

Salvage and pollution response operations are underway. As soon as marine surveyors are able to confirm the safety of the vessel and salvage crew, the Captain of the Port will open the ICW to one way traffic.

Vessels should monitor channel 16 / 22A for updated information as well as channel opening times and restrictions.

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.

Semper Paratus,

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