



Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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2:30 P. M., Monday, December 14, 2009

Fog Delays and Ship Traffic Sabine-Neches Waterway

Heavy fog has limited vessel movements on the Sabine-Neches Waterway over the last few days; however, the Sabine Pilots did manage to move a few ships outbound on Sunday, December 13th.

As of this afternoon, there are 16 ships waiting offshore to enter the Sabine-Neches Waterway and there are 6 ships on the Neches River waiting to go outbound to sea. It is anticipated that the fog will begin to clear with the arrival of the cold front.

The Coast Guard continues to monitor this situation and will keep the port community up to date of any changes.

When the fog clears, the Sabine Pilots plan to clear outbound ships from the Neches River before bringing additional inbound ships into the Neches River. Inbound ships waiting to transit to Port Arthur docks may be able to get underway earlier. Specific scheduling information can be obtained from the Sabine Pilots or from the Sabine Pilot's web site at <http://www.sabinepilots.com>.

This notice will be posted on the HOMEPORT website <http://homeport.uscg.mil> and the VTS Website <http://www.uscg.mil/d8/vtsportharthur/msib.asp>

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