



**Marine Safety Information Bulletin  
18-10  
September 25-26, 2010**

**Scheduled Channel Closure  
Sabine River, Orange, TX**

**SHOWDOWN ON THE SABINE**, an annual boat race sponsored by the Orange Convention and Visitors Bureau, is scheduled for September 25-26, 2010. These tunnel boat races take place on the Sabine River in the vicinity of the Orange, TX public boat ramp.

As a result, the Captain of the Port, Port Arthur will enforce Special Local Regulation adjacent to the Orange, TX public boat ramp during the boat races. Specifically, no vessel may enter or remain in that portion of the Sabine River between Navy Pier One on the north and latitude 30°05'33" N (vicinity of CBH Shipyard) to the south.

A safety zone will be in effect from 8 a.m. September 25th until 6 p.m. September 26th, 2010. The Coast Guard and other law enforcement agencies will enforce the regulations as follows:

Sep 25, 2010:	8 a.m. until 6 p.m.
Sep 26, 2010:	8 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Breaks in the race events have been scheduled to allow shallow draft traffic to pass. Vessels desiring to transit through this area may contact Vessel Traffic Service (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/vtsportarthur](http://www.uscg.mil/d8/vtsportarthur). If you have any questions, please call VTS Port Arthur at (409) 719-5070.

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