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Marine Safety Unit

Port Arthur, Texas

Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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September 13, 2007

Port Status / Draft Limitations Following Hurricane Humberto Port Arthur, TX and Lake Charles, LA

The following is an overview of the status of waterways and restrictions within the Captain of the Port, Port Arthur area of responsibility:

Unrestricted Ports and Waterways:

Gulf Intracostal Waterway: Shallow draft tow and light tug traffic operating in the entire area of the Port Arthur Captain of the Port zone from ICWW mile 191 to ICWW mile 319 is unrestricted.

Calcasieu Ship Channel: The Calcasieu Ship Channel is tentatively scheduled to open to unrestricted traffic at 6:00 AM on September 14, 2007.

Restricted Ports and Waterways:

1. **Sabine/Neches Waterway:** The Captain of the Port has established a 32-foot maximum draft limitation for the entire Sabine Neches Waterway until the Army Corps of Engineers completes a channel survey.

The Army Corps of Engineers commenced surveying the Port Arthur Ship Canal on September 13, 2007 and will survey Sabine Pass Channel, Sabine-Neches Canal and portions of the Neches River over the next 24-hours. The Captain of the Port will issue an update to the draft limitation at approximately 4:00 p.m., September 14, 2007.

This notice will be posted on the HOMEPOR^T website <http://homeport.uscg.mil>. If you have any questions, please call MSU Port Arthur at (409) 723-6500.

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