



Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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April 29 – May 1, 2011

Scheduled Channel Closure Neches River, Port Neches, TX

RIVERFEST, an annual event sponsored by the Port Neches Chamber of Commerce, is scheduled from Friday, April 29th through Sunday, May 1st, 2011. Some RIVERFEST events take place on the Neches River in the vicinity of Port Neches Park, including boat races and a fireworks display.

As a result, 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 Harrison Refinery Dock) and on the east by 93°56'00" W (near FINA upper anchorage).

This safety zone will be in effect from 3 p.m. April 29th until 10:00 p.m. May 1st, 2011. The Coast Guard and other law enforcement agencies will enforce the safety zone during the following times:

Apr 29, 2011:	3 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.
April 30, 2011:	8:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. 8:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. (Fireworks Display)
May 1, 2011:	9 a.m. until 6 p.m. 8.30 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 Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) Port Arthur on channel 65A or 13 VHF-FM or contact the on scene Coast Guard vessel on channel 13 or 16 VHF-FM/

This notice will be posted on the HOMEPORTR website <http://homeport.uscg.mil> and the VTS Website <http://www.uscg.mil/d8/vtspportarthur/msib.asp>. If you have any questions, please call MSU Port Arthur at (409) 723-6500.


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