

# MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN

MSIB 048-20

Date: September 15, 2020

## **SET PORT CONDITION NORMAL: PORT OPEN WITH RESTRICTIONS**

**Port Condition:** The Captain of the Port (COTP) Houma has updated Port Condition NORMAL for the entire COTP Zone. The Port of Fourchon is now OPEN with no restrictions in place. This Marine Safety Information Bulletin (MSIB) supersedes MSIB 047-20, and updates the COTP Zone to Port Condition NORMAL with the following restrictions:

1. Traffic in the Houma Navigation Canal is permitted at all hours with the exception of Cat Island Pass, which is restricted to daylight hours only. Mariners are advised to exercise extreme caution while transiting Cat Island Pass. Aids to navigation may be missing or not watching in their correct positions.
2. The Louisiana Offshore Oil Port (LOOP) is closed to all traffic.


Mariners should be advised that significant changes to the forecasted track of Hurricane Sally could result in more restrictive port condition changes within the Houma COTP Zone.

**Critical Advisories:** The Bubba Dove Flood Gate is closed.

Mariners are reminded of the ongoing construction work taking place in the Bayou Chene, in vicinity of mile marker 94.5. All mariners shall exercise extreme caution when transiting this area and make minimum safe speed. Any concerns regarding this construction should be directed to the St. Mary's Levee District.

For a current list of MSIBs in the COTP Houma Zone visit: <https://homeport.uscg.mil/port-directory/Houma> under "Safety notifications."

Marine Safety Unit Houma Officer of the Day: (985) 665-2437  
Marine Safety Unit Morgan City Officer of the Day: (985) 397-3300  
Vessel Traffic Center Berwick Bay: (985) 380-5374 / (985) 380-5320  
Coast Guard District Eight Bridges: (504) 671-2128  
National Response Center (24 Hour): 1-800-424-8802

  
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