

MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN

MSIB 075-20

Date: October 29, 2020

SET PORT CONDITION NORMAL: PORT OPEN WITH RESTRICTIONS

Port Condition: As of 1500 local time, October 29, 2020, the Captain of the Port (COTP) Houma has updated Port Condition NORMAL for the entire COTP Zone with the following restrictions:

1. The Houma Navigational Canal is open for daylight traffic only from the Houma Navigational Bridge to Buoy 26.
2. Port Fourchon is open for daylight OUTBOUND traffic only. Vessels are restricted to a 20' draft due to shoaling.
3. The Louisiana Offshore Oil Port (LOOP) is closed.

Critical Advisories:

Known Hazards to Navigation:

1. Sunken F/V LADY D in Bayou Lafourche near Galliano N29.414 W090.28°
2. Shed in Bayou Lafourche N29.408° W090.507°
3. 40' capsized fishing vessel in Bayou Petit Caillou N29.483° W 90.579°
4. Power lines across the channel in Bayou Petit Caillou N29.484° W 90.578°

Mariners are advised that post-storm debris has been reported throughout all parts of the COTP Zone, such as trees and other vegetation. This debris is expected to remain present while the storm surge from Hurricane Zeta finishes flushing back into the Gulf of Mexico. Mariners should remain particularly vigilant and exercise caution while transiting, as aids to navigation may be missing or not watching in their correct positions. The COTP requests mariners report hazards to navigation to VTS Berwick Bay or the MSU Houma Officer of the Day.

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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