

MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN

MSIB 076-20

Date: October 30, 2020

SET PORT CONDITION NORMAL: PORT OPEN WITH RESTRICTIONS

Port Condition: As of 1200 local time, October 30, 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. The Houma Navigational Canal is closed from Buoy 26 to Cat Island Pass.
2. Port Fourchon is open for daylight traffic only. Vessels are restricted to a 20' draft due to shoaling.


Critical Advisories: There are multiple hazards to navigation in Bayou Lafourche, Bayou Petit Caillou, and Bayou Montegue. These hazards are either partially or completely blocking the channel from traffic.

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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