

# MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN

MSIB 037-21

Date: October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

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

**Port Condition:** As of 1500 local time, October 1, 2021, the Captain of the Port (COTP) Houma has set Port Condition NORMAL with the following restrictions:

1. GIWW is closed from MM 21-33 to facilitate USACE dredging operations. The Port Allen alternate route is open for marine traffic.

2. Bayou LaFourche is closed from Lockport to the GIWW due to multiple vessels blocking the waterway and to support the clearing of navigation hazards.

Bayou LaFourche is open from the GIWW south. Mariners should be advised to use additional caution when transiting between the GIWW and Leesville due to multiple dive teams working in various sections of the waterway. Mariners are advised to coordinate safe passage with dive teams. The diver support vessels will be monitoring channel 78.

The Houma Navigation Canal is open for 24/7 operations. The Houma Navigation Canal bridge schedules can be found at [http://wwwapps.dotd.la.gov/operations/ferrystatus/fmbs\\_Status.aspx](http://wwwapps.dotd.la.gov/operations/ferrystatus/fmbs_Status.aspx)

If necessary to transit a closed waterway for salvage operations or active spill response, provide current location, proposed route and draft, and reason for transit to: [smb-msuhouamtsru@uscg.mil](mailto:smb-msuhouamtsru@uscg.mil). Email will be checked multiple times daily between 0800-1700. Please give as much notice as practicable.

Mariners are advised that post-storm debris has been reported throughout all parts of the COTP Zone, such as trees and other vegetation. Mariners should remain particularly vigilant and exercise caution while transiting, as aids to navigation may be missing or not watching in their current positions. The COTP requests mariners report hazards to navigation to VTS Berwick Bay or MSU Houma Officer of the Day.

Mariners are advised of severe shoaling in Havoline Canal in the vicinity of Light 36.

Mariners remain advised of the extensive shoaling and narrow channel width in the vicinity of Stouts Pass, from Atchafalaya River mile marker (MM) 113 to 116, and restrictions listed in MSIB 013-21. All mariners must continue to check in with VTS Berwick Bay at MM 110 on the Atchafalaya River.

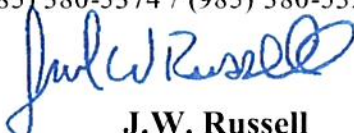
Mariners remain advised of the critical construction work taking place on the Bayou Chene, in the vicinity of: 29° 37.336'N -91° 05.381'W, and the restrictions listed in MSIB 014.21. Berwick Bay is experiencing areas of shoaling near the channel edge shoaling the Atchafalaya River near Morgan City Tri-Bridge Complex. Please take extra caution when navigating this area. For a current list of MSIBs within the COTP Houma Zone visit: <https://homeport.uscg.mil/port-directory/Houma> under "Safety notifications."

To coordinate approval for vessel, lift and removal contact the U.S. Army Corps at (504) 862-1080 or email [renee.s.scholl@usace.army.mil](mailto:renee.s.scholl@usace.army.mil)

Marine Safety Unit Houma Officer of the Day: (985) 665-2437

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Vessel Traffic Service Berwick Bay: (985) 380-5374 / (985) 380-5320



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