

MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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Regulated Navigation Area Enforcement

Effective immediately, the Captain of the Port (COTP) Sector New Orleans has ordered the enforcement of the Hurricane Regulated Navigation Area (RNA) under Title 33 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 165.838. The RNA includes the following areas:

- The Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) from Mile Marker (MM) 22 East of Harvey Locks (EHL), west on the GIWW, including the Michoud Canal and the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal (IHNC), extending north ½ mile from the Seabrook Flood Gate Complex out into Lake Pontchartrain and south to the IHNC Lock (RNA – East)
- Harvey Canal from the LaPalco Bridge south to the confluence of the Harvey and Algiers Canals, and the Algiers Canal from the Algiers Lock south to the confluence of the Harvey and Algiers Canal (RNA – West)

The expected closure time of the IHNC Surge Barrier and Seabrook Complex (RNA - East) is 0600 local time, August 24, 2020. The expected closure time of the West Closure Complex (RNA - West) is 1200 local time, August 24, 2020.

All vessels evacuating into the Lower Mississippi River must check with the New Orleans Vessel Traffic Center at (504) 365-2514 or VHF-FM channels 5A, 12 or 67.

All vessels shall make immediate preparations to evacuate the RNA if not moored at a facility with an Annual Hurricane Operations Plan.

Port partners and mariners are cautioned that the COTP New Orleans may quickly progress through Port Conditions as the situation develops, so vessel evacuations from the RNAs should be completed as soon as possible.

If unable to comply, vessels shall contact the Waterways Management Division at SecNOLA-WPM@uscg.mil or (504) 365-2280 with the mitigating efforts they will take while remaining within the RNA.

Attachments:

- 1) 72 Hour Storm Specific Verification Report Form (Facilities with an Annual Hurricane Operations Plan) – submit via email to SecNOLA-WPM@uscg.mil

For additional information, contact the following:

Waterways Management: (504) 365-2280 Email address: SecNOLA-WPM@uscg.mil

Sector New Orleans Command Center (24 hour): (504) 365-2200

Vessel Traffic Center (24 Hour): (504) 365-2514 or VHF-FM channels 5A, 12, or 67

Coast Guard District Eight Bridges: (504) 671-2128

National Response Center (24 Hour): 1-800-424-8802



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