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# LOCK AND WATERWAY STATUS 60 DAY FORECAST

Updated: 15 January 2021  
Note:  
This schematic is not to scale.



## GULF OF MEXICO

See notes on following page for details of structure and waterway status.

-  — Open
-  — Opening Imminent
-  — Closure Imminent
-  — Closed
-  — Open/Closed intermittently
-  — Special instructions/Restrictions

STRUCTURE	NAVIGATION BULLETIN #	WORK ITEM	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMMENTS
Port Allen Lock	<b>21-07 Update from 20-02</b>	<b>Damaged Floating Guidewall (SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS)</b>	26 Dec 2020	<p><b>At Port Allen Lock, the damaged section of wood and plastic timber that was hanging into the forebay and partially blocking the channel has been removed. The damaged section will be marked with 4 white flashing lights at night. Until permanent repairs are made, the following restrictions will apply until further notice:</b></p> <p><b>WESTBOUND RESTRICTIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* The restriction on tow length has been lifted.</li> <li>* All tows with more than one barge are required to use an assist vessel.</li> <li>* Single barge tows will be permitted to lock westbound without an assist vessel.</li> </ul> <p><b>EASTBOUND RESTRICTIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Tows greater than 650' long are required to use an assist vessel on the head of the tow once they exit the lock into the river in order to steer clear of the damaged area at the end of the guide wall.</li> </ul>
Old River Lock	21-01 Update from 20-187	Lowering Carriage Repairs (SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS)	05 Oct 2020	<p>Tows entering Old River Lock are urged to use extreme caution while approaching and entering the lock chamber. Until approximately 30 April 2021, the following restrictions/instructions are required for passage:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tows are to enter the Lock at DEAD SLOW speed.</li> <li>2. All tows are restricted to no longer than 1100' in length.</li> <li>3. All tows will line up along the floating guide wall before proceeding.</li> <li>4. Two line-handlers with life vests and bumpers will be required on both approach and exiting of the Lock.</li> <li>5. Vessels must be moored by bow and stern lines to floating timberheads.</li> </ol>
Algiers Lock	20-197 Update from 20-172	Open (SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS)	On-going	<p>Algiers Lock is currently open to navigation with normal locking hours of operation. However, tows are restricted in both directions to a maximum width and length of 54 feet W by 700 feet L or 70 feet W by 600 feet L. Mariners are advised to continue to avoid the end of the long, river end, guide wall. It is unstable and a hazard to mariners.</p>
Bayou Boeuf Lock	19-109	Chamber Guide Wall Replacement (INTERMITTENT CLOSURES)	11 Sep 2019	<p>Bayou Boeuf Lock is closed to navigation from 7 am until 7 pm (Daylight Hours), Mondays thru Thursdays until approximately 30 May 2021 to construct the new south side chamber guide wall.</p>
East and West Calumet Floodgate		Heavy Siltation (CLOSED)	31 October 2018	<p>Continuing until further notice, East and West Calumet Floodgate will remain closed to navigation due to heavy siltation in the channel making it unsafe for navigation.</p>
Charenton Floodgate		N/A (CLOSED)	Closed until further notice.	<p>This structure was closed in 2005.</p>

**NOTES:**

- 1) Updates to table are shown in **Bold**.
- 2) Radio channel #14 should be used to contact lock operators, except Berwick Lock, which uses channel #12.
- 3) For the latest lock status including gage data, check the following Lock Update website:

<http://www.mvn.usace.army.mil/LockStatus/>