

MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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Safety Advisory: Port Allen Channel Closure

The Captain of the Port New Orleans is issuing a Safety Advisory for the waters of the Port Allen Channel, Mile Marker 61 through Mile Marker 62. This advisory is needed to protect persons and vessels from potential safety hazards associated with McDonough Marine Services cargo roll-off operations. **The M/V BERNARD P will conduct heavy equipment cargo operations for 10 hours from 7:00 A.M. Friday, December 17, 2021 through 5:00 P.M. Friday, December 17, 2021.**

This advisory is in effect from 7:00 A.M. on December 17, 2021 until 5:00 P.M. on December 17, 2021, with the following provisions:

- All mariners are advised to transit at slowest safe speed to minimize wake when transiting in the vicinity of cargo roll-off operations.
- Vessels will not be able to transit through Port Allen Channel Mile Marker 61 through Mile Marker 62. Mariners are advised to use alternate routes until cargo operations in the Port Allen Channel are complete.

Updates and/or changes will be disseminated via VTS email distribution and/or via Safety Broadcast Notice to Mariners.

The M/V BERNARD P can be contacted via VHF marine channels 13 and 16.

For additional information, contact the following:

Port Allen Lockmaster: (225) 343-3752

Coast Guard MSU Baton Rouge: (225) 281-2875 ext. 230

Coast Guard Sector New Orleans Command Center: (504) 365-2200

Vessel Traffic Services Lower Mississippi River (504) 365-2230, VHF FM Ch. 05A, 12, 67



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