

# MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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## **Safety Advisory – Melville Vertical Lift Bridge Manual Opening Due to Mechanical Failure – MM 29.6 ATCHAFALAYA RIVER**

1. The Captain of the Port New Orleans is issuing a safety advisory for the waters of the Atchafalaya River at Mile Marker (MM) 29.6. **Due to a mechanical failure, mariners are advised that the Melville Vertical Lift Bridge will require manual opening. The estimated time required for repairs is not known at this time.**
2. Mariners transiting the area should contact the Melville Vertical Lift Bridge via landline at (337) 623-5845 or VHF CH. 13 to arrange for a bridge opening **at least three hours in advance.**

For additional information, contact the following:

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

Coast Guard Sector New Orleans Waterways Management: (504) 365-2278

Coast Guard MSU Baton Rouge Waterways Management: (225) 298-5400 x231



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