

# *Southern Currents*



## Notice to the Area Port of New Orleans Trade Community

**Date:** October 19, 2023

**No:** 24-003

**SUBJECT: Marine Desk Weekend Hours for Paper Vessel Entrance and Clearance Transactions**

Beginning Saturday November 3, 2023, the New Orleans Marine Desk will be open for New Orleans Tri-Port paper (non-automated) vessel entrance and clearance transactions from **12:00 PM – 2:00 PM on Saturdays and Sundays for in-person appointments.**

The Ports of Gramercy and Baton Rouge Marine Divisions are not open for weekend appointments.

To make a weekend appointment, send your request to the New Orleans Tri-Port mailbox: [VECS\\_TRIPORT\\_NOL@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:VECS_TRIPORT_NOL@cbp.dhs.gov)

Filings submitted in the Vessel Entrance and Clearance System (VECS) will continue to be processed on weekends. **There are no weekend closures for automated Vessel Entrance and Clearance System [VECS] transactions.**

Vessel agents are strongly encouraged to use CBP's automated system, VECS, for Tri-Port vessel entrance and clearance transactions.

Please contact Port Director James Welch at 225-268-9454 or at [JAMES.J.WELCH@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:JAMES.J.WELCH@cbp.dhs.gov) with questions or concerns.

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