



NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT  
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# LOCK AND WATERWAY STATUS 60 DAY FORECASTS

Updated: 09 March 2021  
Note:  
This schematic is not to scale.



## GULF OF MEXICO

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

STRUCTURE	NAVIGATION BULLETIN #	WORK ITEM	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMMENTS
Harvey Lock	21-31	Gate repairs (DAYTIME CLOSURES)	12 Mar 2021	Harvey Lock will be closed to navigation from 7 am until 6:30 pm (Daylight Hours) on Friday and Saturday, 12 and 13 March 2021 for gate repairs. Algiers Lock can be used as an alternate route.
IHNC Lock	21-23 Update from 20-143	On-Going Guide Wall and Dolphin Construction (SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS)	On-Going	Inner Harbor Navigation Canal (IHNC) Lock mariners are advised that there is on-going construction, which includes hot work, at the forebay and tail bay of the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal (IHNC) Lock. Vessels shall adhere to the following: 1. Use extreme caution when entering and exiting the lock especially in the vicinity of the construction and keeping a safe distance from the construction. 2. Navigate at a dead-slow speed with no wake whether workers are present or not. 3. Use bumpers while locking.
Port Allen Lock	21-07 Update from 20-02	Damaged Floating Guide wall (SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS)	26 Dec 2020	At Port Allen Lock, the damaged section of the floating Guide wall is marked with 4 white flashing lights at night. Until permanent repairs are made, the following restrictions will apply until further notice: WESTBOUND RESTRICTIONS * The restriction on tow length has been lifted. * All tows with more than one barge are required to use an assist vessel. * Single barge tows will be permitted to lock westbound without an assist vessel.  EASTBOUND RESTRICTIONS * 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.
Old River Lock	21-01 Update from 20-187	Lowering Carriage Repairs (DAYTIME CLOSURE AND SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS)	On-Going	<b>Currently in effect and continuing until 19 March 2021</b> , Old River Lock will periodically be closed to navigation for up to 4 days at a time to perform operational load tests on the newly installed Emergency Bulkhead Lowering Carriage Machinery. Navigation will be allowed to pass between load test cycles. The maximum estimated time for a load test cycle will be 4 days. Old River Lock plans to clear the que between load test cycles before starting another load test cycle. Old River Lock personnel will do all that is possible to minimize the impacts to the navigation industry. The load tests must be performed to assure that the New Emergency Bulkhead Lowering Carriage Machinery is fully operational in the event of an actual operational emergency. Mariners are urged to transit at their slowest safe speed to minimize wake and proceed with caution when the lock is periodically opened to clear the que. The following notice is still in affect after the closures are complete: 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: 1. Tows are to enter the Lock at DEAD SLOW speed. 2. All tows are restricted to no longer than 1100' in length. 3. All tows will line up along the floating guide wall before proceeding. 4. Two line-handlers with life vests and bumpers will be required on both approach and exiting of the Lock.

				5. Vessels must be moored by bow and stern lines to floating timberheads.
Algiers Lock	20-197 Update from 20-172	Open (SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS)	On-going until further notice	Algiers Lock is currently open to navigation with normal locking hours of operation. Continuing until further notice, mariners are advised to avoid the dolphin at the end of the canal end long guide wall; the dolphin is unstable and a hazard to mariners. Tow restrictions are still in place 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, which is also unstable and a hazard to mariners.
<b>Bayou Boeuf Lock</b>	19-109	Chamber Guide Wall Replacement (INTERMITTENT CLOSURES)	11 Sep 2019	Bayou Boeuf Lock is closed to navigation from 7 am until 7 pm (Daylight Hours), Mondays thru Thursdays until approximately <b>30 August 2021</b> to construct the new south side chamber guide wall.
East and West Calumet Floodgate		Heavy Siltation (CLOSED)	31 October 2018	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.
Charenton Floodgate		N/A (CLOSED)	Closed until further notice.	This structure was closed in 2005.

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/>