



NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT  
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# LOCK AND WATERWAY STATUS 60 DAY FORECASTS

Updated: 25 March 2021  
Note:  
This schematic is not to scale.



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

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

## GULF OF MEXICO

STRUCTURE	NAVIGATION BULLETIN #	WORK ITEM	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMMENTS
Old River Lock	21-42	Lowering Carriage Repairs (SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS)	Repairs begin... On-Going restrictions in effect until further notice	<p><b>Old River Lock has tentatively scheduled 5 April to 18 April 2021 for periodic closures to navigation. Closures up to 4 days at a time are expected during operational load tests on the Emergency Bulkhead Lowering Carriage Machinery.</b></p> <p><b>Multiple closures will be required to perform the load tests. The maximum estimated time for a load test cycle will be 4 days. Old River Lock will allow navigation to pass at the end of a load test cycle to clear the queue before starting another load test cycle.</b></p> <p>The following notice is still in affect: 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>
Bayou Sorrel Lock	21-37	Guide Wall Repairs (DAYTIME CLOSURES)	16 Mar 2021	Bayou Sorrel Lock will be closed to navigation from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., 7 days a week, beginning on 16 March 2021 and continuing until 7 April 2021, and again from approximately 21 April 2021 to approximately 15 May 2021, for necessary repairs to the guide walls and chamber guide walls.
IHNC Lock	21-23 Update from 20-143	On-Going Guide Wall and Dolphin Construction (SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS)	On-Going	<p>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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>2. Navigate at a dead-slow speed with no wake whether workers are present or not.</li> <li>3. Use bumpers while locking.</li> </ol>
Port Allen Lock	21-07 Update from 20-02	Damaged Floating Guide wall (SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS)	26 Dec 2020	<p>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:</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>
Algiers Lock	20-197 Update from	Open	On-going until further notice	Algiers Lock is currently open to navigation with normal locking hours of operation.

	20-172	(SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS)		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.
Bayou Boeuf Lock	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 30 August 2021 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/>