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MEMORANDUM FOR:     **NAVIGATION INTERESTS**  
                          **GULF INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY**  
                          **COLORADO RIVER LOCKS, TEXAS**  
                          **-UPDATE NOTICE-**

**SITUATION: NAVIGATION RESTRICTIONS**

OCCI, Contractor will be working at the Colorado River Locks. This work will require closures of the Locks during the designated periods of work. **Navigation closures of 14 April 2009 to 14 May 2009 at the Colorado River Locks are extended.**

**TIME:** 14 May 2009 thru ~~14 August 2009~~ ~~14 October 2009~~ **14 December 2009**, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**EAST LOCK MOORING WALL REPAIR WORK WILL CONTINUE UNTIL APPROXIMATELY DECEMBER 15, 2009.** Mariners are urged to comply with the posted NO WAKE areas where construction activities are in progress. Users should be aware that lock operations will return to closures of 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM if worker safety is jeopardized by inattention to this requirement.

**NOTE 1: EAST LOCK OPENING FOR SMALL CRAFT.** Colorado River East Locks will open for transit of small craft of beam no larger than 16 ft from 1:00 PM to 1:30 PM each day during the period Oct 1 to Oct 15, 2009.

**NOTE 2: STARTING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2009.** Colorado River East Locks will open for transit of small craft of beam no larger than 16 ft as of this date. Mariners are urged to transit at their slowest safe speed to minimize wake and proceed with caution.

**NOTE 3: WEST LOCK OPENING FOR SMALL CRAFT STARTING THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2009.** Colorado River West Locks will open for transit of small craft of beam no larger than 16 ft from 1:00 PM to 1:30 PM each day during the following periods. Note that this tentative scheduling is subject to changing construction requirements.

Oct 1 to 9: Construction in progress. Small craft note 1-1:30 PM opening.

Oct 10 to 14: No construction activities. Locks expected to be open to all traffic.

Oct 15 to 23: Construction in progress. Small craft note 1-1:30 PM opening.

Oct 24 to 28: No construction activities. Locks expected to be open to all traffic

Oct 29 to Nov 11: Construction in progress. Small craft note 1-1:30 PM opening.

Nov 12 to 16: No construction activities. Locks expected to be open to all traffic  
Nov 17 to 25: Construction in progress. Small craft note 1-1:30 PM opening.  
Nov 26 to Dec 2: No construction activities. Locks expected to be open to all traffic  
Dec 3 to Dec 11: Construction in progress. Small craft note 1-1:30 PM opening.  
Dec 12 to Dec 16: No construction activities. Locks expected to be open to all traffic  
Dec 17 to Dec 23: Construction in progress. Small craft note 1-1:30 PM opening.  
Mariners are urged to transit at their slowest safe speed to minimize wake and proceed with caution.

**NOTE:** The current maintenance activities are likely to continue daily, seven days per week, until contract completion. Contract completion estimated as March 2010. Lock closures will be likely when contract maintenance activities are in progress.

**ADDITIONAL NOTE:** Width of the Colorado River Locks has been reduced to 74 .4 feet due to utilization of fender systems in Sector Gate recesses during the contract to rehabilitate the East and West Locks. Care should be taken to avoid damage by tows when entering or exiting the Locks where the gates are removed and the fender systems are installed. Over-width tows in excess of 55 feet will only transit during daylight hours. Any information needed may be obtained by contacting the Lockmaster at the Colorado River Locks, Monday thru Friday from 0800 until 1500 each day at 979-863-2318.

#### COOPERATION

**SOLICITED: Mariners should contact the Lock Master at (979) 863-7842 to confirm the closure time so as to minimize their delay. The Lock Master will be knowledgeable of the exact closure times 24 hrs in advance of closure. Mariners are advised that commercial and recreational traffic will not be allowed through the lock during periods of closure.**

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