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Reference

Notice No.

2009-03h

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~~ **14 March 2010**, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

EAST LOCK MOORING WALL REPAIR WORK WILL CONTINUE UNTIL APPROXIMATELY MARCH 14, 2010. 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 thereby only allowing passage of tows at night, between 7:00 PM and 7:00 AM.

EAST LOCK NOTE: STARTING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2009. Colorado River East Locks will open for transit of small craft of beam no larger than 16 ft when contractor is working in the lock chamber. Tows will only be permitted to pass between 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM when no construction is occurring. Mariners are urged to transit at their slowest safe speed to minimize wake and proceed with caution.

SMALL CRAFT NOTE: 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 shown below. Tows will only be permitted to pass between 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM when no construction is occurring. Note that this tentative, scheduling subject to changing construction requirements.

PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

Dec 17 to Dec 23: Construction in progress. Mariners should expect west lock closure from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM during this period.

Dec 24 to Jan 3: No construction activities. West Lock expected to be open to all traffic.

Jan 4 to 9: Construction in progress. **Small craft note** 1-1:30 PM opening.

Jan 10 to 13: No construction activities. West Lock expected to be open to all traffic

Jan 14 to 22: Construction in progress. **Small craft note** 1-1:30 PM opening.
Jan 23 to 27: No construction activities. West Lock expected to be open to all traffic
Jan 28 to Feb 5: Construction in progress. **Small craft note** 1-1:30 PM opening.
Feb 6 to Feb 10: No construction activities. West Lock expected to be open to all traffic
Feb 11 to 19: Construction in progress. **Small craft note** 1-1:30 PM opening.
Feb 20 to 24: No construction activities. West Lock expected to be open to all traffic
Feb 25 to Mar 5: Construction in progress. **Small craft note** 1-1:30 PM opening.
Mar 6 to 9: No construction activities. West Lock expected to be open to all traffic
Mar 10 to 14: Construction in progress. **Small craft note** 1-1:30 PM opening.

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. Mariners are advised that commercial and recreational traffic will not be allowed through the lock during periods of closure.

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