

MEMORANDUM FOR NAVIGATION INTERESTS

SUBJECT: Forecast of Dredging and Marine Construction

GALVESTON HARBOR AND CHANNEL – GALVESTON HARBOR AND JETTY AND ENTRANCE CHANNELS IN GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS

The Hopper Dredge “Glenn Edwards” (Manson Construction) continues operations and has moved to the inside part of Galveston Harbor (approximately from Todds Ship Yards to 53rd St.. Placement of the material is offshore and the expected duration of the operations in this reach of the channel is about 40 days.

HSC – CARPENTERS BAYOU TO GREENS BAYOU, IN HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

The Cutterhead Dredge “Captain Frank” (Weeks Marine) will begin dredging Houston Ship Channel beginning at Carpenter’s Bayou and working upstream to Greens Bayou. Material will be placed at Lost Lake Placement Area.

HSC - BAYPORT FLARE AND REDFISH NORTH

Pipeline dredging of the Bayport Flare and hopper dredging of the Houston Ship Channel have been completed; dredges have left the site.

GIWW – ROLLOVER PASS TO GALVESTON CAUSEWAY, IN GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS

The Dredge “E.W. Elleffsen” (Weeks Marine, Inc.) will start dredging the Bolivar Flare on Monday after their pipeline is finished. The submerged dredge pipe extends across the bay waters around the Bolivar Ferry Landing towards the North Jetty and into Little Beach on the east side of Fort Travis. Placement of the material will be on Little Beach. The expected duration to dredge the Bolivar Flare is about two weeks. The work will then start on Rollover Pass with a different dredge. At this time the Dredge “Venture” is expected to be the dredge plant used for this portion of the contract.

GIWW - DEBRIS REMOVAL FROM DREDGE PLACEMENT AREAS HIGH ISLAND, TEXAS - PORT BOLIVAR, TEXAS

Debris Removal from Dredge Placement Areas will commence on the GIWW from High Island, TX to Port Bolivar, TX on Thursday, May 14, 2009, and will continue until further notice. Tow boats and barges will be staged on the inbound side of channel toward Galveston. (Approximate GIWW Miles 320 - 345) Removal operations will be performed 7 days a week, 12 hours per day, 0700 to 1900 hours.

It is requested that mariners contact the M/V Cheryl Ann, M/V Miss Emily, M/V Miss Jan, and/or M/V Miss Sally on channels 13, 16 or working channel 67, 30 minutes prior to transiting the area.

For debris removal operations, it is requested that mariners transit at their slowest safe speed to minimize wake and proceed with caution after passing arrangements have been made.

**MATAGORDA SHIP CHANNEL – MATAGORDA PENINSULA TO POINT COMFORT IN
MATAGORDA AND CALHOUN COUNTIES, TEXAS**

The Dredge “Jason LaQuay” is currently working around beacon 20 and work generally towards the west. Dredging operations is scheduled on the Matagorda Ship Channel through late July 2009.

**CORPUS CHRISTI SHIP CHANNEL, TEXAS – HUMBLE BASIN TO VIOLA TURNING BASIN
IN NUECES COUNTY, TEXAS**

Dredge “John C. LaQuay” is currently in the Inner Harbor pumping in PA 1 on the north side of the channel. The dredge will continue to work in this area on the federal channel or port docks during May. If weather permits the dredge may move into the Corpus Christi Bay reach. Dredging operations is scheduled in the Corpus Christi Ship Channel through late July 2009.

CORPUS CHRISTI SHIP CHANNEL, TEXAS – Removal of Mooring Dolphins

Work continues on the demolition of the mooring structures adjacent to the CCSC in the Naval Station Ingleside area. The contractor’s barges are outside of the federal channel while working the dolphins, but increased activity in this area should be expected due to this work.

**GIWW – CORPUS CHRISTI BAY TO PORT ISABEL IN NUECES, KLEBERG, KENEDY,
WILLACY, CAMERON COUNTIES, TEXAS**

Contract complete.

**PORT MANSFIELD, TEXAS – PORT MANSFIELD ENTRANCE CHANNEL IN WILACY
COUNTY, TEXAS**

Contract complete.

**GULF INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY, TEXAS – CHANNEL TO HARLINGEN IN WILLACY
COUNTY, TEXAS**

Contract complete.

**BRAZOS ISLAND HARBOR – BROWNSVILLE JETTY CHANNEL TO PORT ISABEL IN
CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS**

Contract complete.

**GULF INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY, TEXAS – CHANNEL TO VICTORIA AND CHANNEL
TO SEADRIFT, CALHOUN COUNTY, TEXAS**

Dredge “JN Fisher” will commence dredging around 29 May 2009, and be placing material into PA 1. The dredge will be on the project through the end of September 2009 working in the Lower Reach and Channel to Seadrift.

- » *Mariners are urged to transit at their slowest safe speed to minimize wake and proceed with caution after passing arrangements have been made.*
- » *Dredging operations are continuous, 24 hrs, 7 days, unless otherwise noted.*
- » *Dredging operations will continue through the month unless otherwise indicated.*
- » *Dredges monitor channel 13 and/or 16 on marine VHF radio, respective dredges should be contacted for coordination of passing and movement near operations.*

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