

BIG RIVER COALITION



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Lower Mississippi River (LMR) Dredging Update 11115

Members,

The Corps' Mississippi Valley New Orleans (MVN) is now working three dustpan dredges on the Crossings in an effort to restore authorized channel dimensions. The MVN, NOBRA Pilots and BRC are working cooperatively to utilize the dustpan dredges to restore channel dimensions in the most deficient areas on the Crossings. **The White Castle Anchorage will not be available for vessel usage over the next ten days, the NOBRA and Federal Pilots will keep the anchorage clear.**

Navigation Transit Recommendation(s) on the Crossings Above New Orleans:

The New Orleans Baton Rouge Steamship Pilots Association (NOBRA) maximum draft recommendation for all vessels transiting up to Mile 180 Above Head of Passes (AHP) is 47 feet. The maximum draft recommendation from Mile 180 AHP to Mile 222 AHP is 45 feet and vessels transiting above Mile 222 AHP are limited to the maximum draft recommendation of 43 feet.

The Vessel Traffic Service Lower Mississippi River has implemented the following VTS Measure at Belmont Crossing:

"Due to shoaling encroaching into the Belmont crossing reach, VTS Lower Mississippi River has established a VTS measure restricting all deep draft vessels 42' and greater to one way traffic while transiting between MM152.5 and MM154 AHP until further notice. Vessels should contact VTS on ch 5A or at 504-365-2514 for any questions."

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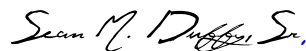
Dustpan Dredge(s) on the Crossings Above New Orleans:

WALLACE McGEORGE: The dustpan dredge is dredging the full channel width of 500 feet at Bayou Goula Crossing (Mile 198 AHP). The dustpan returned to dredging on August 13, 2015 after remaining idle during a period of elevated river stages.

HURLEY: The dustpan dredge continues to dredge at Alhambra Crossing (Mile 191) while the dredge is working at Alhambra Crossing the White Castle Anchorage (Mile 191.1 AHP to Mile 190.4 AHP) will be unavailable for vessel usage. The HURLEY is expected to complete this assignment on November 20, 2015. The dustpan began dredging the Crossings on Tuesday, August 18, 2015.

JADWIN: The dustpan dredge is presently dredging the full channel dimensions at Belmont Crossing (Mile 154 AHP). The dustpan had been released to address shoaling on the shallow-draft channel at Slack Island (Mile 483 AHP) from October 28, 2015 to November 7, 2015.

Sincerely,



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