

MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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Re-Opening of GIWW Alternate Route

Effective immediately on October 31, 2020, the Captain of the Port (COTP) New Orleans has set Port Condition NORMAL for the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) Alternate Route. Vessel transits are permitted on the Alternate Route (refer to MSIB Vol XX Issue 087a for details).

All Aids to Navigation (ATON) discrepancies were either corrected or temporarily corrected. The following virtual AIS signals are not being broadcast as a result of damage sustained to Breton/Chandeleur ICW Alternate Route Light 15 (LLNR 957.12):

Light List Number	Aid Name
11672.69	Breton/Chandeleur ICW Alternate Route V-AIS 33
11672.72	Breton/Chandeleur ICW Alternate Route V-AIS 30
9572.01	Breton/Chandeleur ICW Alternate Route V-AIS 25
9572.02	Breton/Chandeleur ICW Alternate Route V-AIS 24
9572.04	Breton/Chandeleur ICW Alternate Route V-AIS 22
9572.07	Breton/Chandeleur ICW Alternate Route V-AIS 19
9572.09	Breton/Chandeleur ICW Alternate Route V-AIS 17
9572.11	Breton/Chandeleur ICW Alternate Route V-AIS 16
9572.14	Breton/Chandeleur ICW Alternate Route V-AIS 13
9572.15	Breton/Chandeleur ICW Alternate Route V-AIS 12

Mariners are reminded that the IHNC Lock and St. Claude Avenue Bridge are closed. Mariners using the GIWW Alternate Route should continue to be aware of shoaling found in the vicinity of Buoy 22 (mile 1.7) in Baptiste Collette; refer to https://hydrosurvey.mvn.usace.army.mil/navpgs/n_outlets_at_venice.asp for the updated USACE survey of the area.

The 100-yard radius safety zone around a damaged platform in Breton Sound Block 49 (approximate position 29-27-01N / 089-17-41W) remains in effect (reference LNM 41-20).

Although waterways are open to traffic, shoaling, storm debris, and other hazards may still exist. Mariners transiting the area should use caution, and report any Aids to Navigation damage or other waterways issues to the Coast Guard.

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Sector New Orleans Command Center (24 hour): (504) 365-2200
Vessel Traffic Center (24 Hour): (504) 365-2514 or VHF-FM channels 5A, 12, or 67
Coast Guard District Eight Bridges: (504) 671-2128
National Response Center (24 Hour): 1-800-424-8802



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