

MEMORANDUM FOR NAVIGATION INTERESTS

SUBJECT: Forecast of Dredging and Marine Construction –**UPDATE**--

**PORT ARTHUR CANAL, TAYLORS BAYOU CHANNEL**

The dredge “**Missouri H**” (Mike Hooks), is dredging in the Port Arthur Canal Junction Area, proceeding south. Floating and submerged lines will extend to the placement area on the east side of the channel.

**SNWW - SABINE-NECHES CANAL**

The dredge “**Marion**” (Pine Bluff Sand & Gravel) will be performing dredging operations in the Sabine-Neches Canal Area, moving south. Submerged and floating pipelines will extend behind the dredge to placement areas on the east side of the channel, to the north end of Pleasure Island.

**SNWW – OUTER BAR CHANNEL**

The hopper dredge “**B.E. Lindholm**” (Weeks) will be operating in the Outer Bar Channel. Material will be placed in the open-water placement areas west of the channel in the Gulf of Mexico.

**HSC, DEEPENING AND WIDENING (HGNC) – LOWER BAYOU**

The dredge “**Meridian**” (Bean/Stuyvesant) has left the Lower Bayou project to dredge a project for the Wilmington District. The District has signed a "Suspension of Dredging" on the contract, and the dredge is not expected to return to Galveston District until 31 March 2003.

**HSC, BARBOURS TERMINAL SHIP CHANNEL**

The dredge “**Jason LaQuay**” (T.W. LaQuay), completed dredging Barboours Cut 10 August, 2002.

**HSC, DEEPENING AND WIDENING (HGNC)  
REDFISH ISLAND RESTORATION**

**Luhr Bros., Inc.** is rebuilding and placing stone and shell shore protection on the Redfish Island, and is anticipated to be completed about October 2002. Redfish Island is approximately 1/4-mile southwest of the Houston ship Channel, near San Leon and HSC Marker 55.

**HSC, DEEPENING AND WIDENING (HGNC) – MID-BAY**

Bucket dredge “**646**” (Weeks) is dredging an access channel. Bucket dredge “**506**” was moved out of the South Boater Cut and is working in Houston Ship Channel just upstream of Markers 55-56 while the Hopper Dredge Lindholm

Hopper Dredge “**Lindholm**” is in the shipyard for repairs. Scheduled to return November 15, 2002.

The cutterhead dredge “**Tom James**” is dredging material from the Bayport Channel flare, and pump the material into the Atkinson Marsh site. The “Tom James” is scheduled to leave by mid-November and go to Brownsville.

The offshore placement area is located outside the Galveston jetties, south of the Entrance Channel. Mariners are cautioned not to traverse or anchor within the limits of the placement area, as it will interfere with dredging operations. Vessels anchored within the placement area will be asked to move. Coordinates of the placement area, referenced to NAD 83 (degrees-minutes) are as follows:

LAT.	LON.	LAT.	LON.
29°15N	94°40W	29°14N	94°41W
29°12N	94°39W	29°13N	94°43W

**GIWW-BRAZOS RIVER TO BOGGY**

Dredging complete August 15, 2002.

**FREEPORT HARBOR - ENTRANCE AND JETTY CHANNELS**

Hopper dredge “**Eagle I**” (Bean/Stuyvesant) is dredging in the harbor. Expected completion is August 23, 2002.

**GULF INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY, TEXAS  
MAIN CHANNEL ACROSS ARANSAS BAY  
& TRIBUTARY CHANNEL TO ARANSAS PASS**

The Dredge “**Jason LaQuay**” (T.W. La Quay Dredging, Inc.) is now offsite.

**MATAGORDA SHIP CHANNEL, TEXAS  
CHANNEL TO PORT LAVACA &  
CHANNEL TO HARBOR OF REFUGE**

The Dredge “**Jason LaQuay**” (T.W. La Quay Dredging, Inc.) will be operating in the Channels to Port Lavaca and Harbor of Refuge. Floating and submerged lines will extend to Placement Areas on both sides. Estimated completion is November 2002.

**GULF INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY, TEXAS  
BAFFIN BAY TO PORT ISABEL**

The Dredge “**Jason LaQuay**” (T.W. La Quay Dredging, Inc.) will be operating in the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway between Mile Marker 578 near Baffin Bay and Mile Marker 666 at Port Isabel. Floating and submerged lines will extend to Placement Areas on both sides. Estimated completion is February 2003.

**CORPUS CHRISTI SHIP CHANNEL, TEXAS  
LA QUINTA JUNCTION TO BEACON 82  
AND GIWW ACROSS CORPUS CHRISTI BAY**

The Dredge “**Everett Fisher**” (King Fisher Marine Service, Inc.) will be operating across Corpus Christi Bay and in the GIWW vicinity of the La Quinta Junction. Floating and submerged lines will extend to Placement Areas on the East and West Banks. Estimated completion is November 2002.

**GULF INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY, TEXAS  
CHANNEL TO VICTORIA & CHANNEL TO SEADRIFT**

The Dredge “**J.N. Fisher**” (King Fisher Marine Service, Inc.) will be operating in the Victoria Barge Canal beginning at the vicinity of the Victoria Wyes and extending to Mile Marker 12. Floating and submerged lines will extend to a Placement Area located on the East Bank. Expected completion time is December 2002.

**BIH – BRAZOS ISLAND HARBOR, TEXAS  
BROWNSVILLE SHIP CHANNEL**

The Dredge “**Leonard Fisher**” (King Fisher Marine Service, Inc.) will be operating in the Brownsville Ship Channel near Mile Marker 6 and Mile Marker 7. Floating and submerged lines will extend to Placement Areas located on the South Bank. Estimated completion is November 2002.

**BIH – BRAZOS ISLAND HARBOR, TEXAS  
BROWNSVILLE SHIP CHANNEL**

The Dredge “**Tom James**” (Weeks Marine, Inc.) will be operating in the Brownsville Ship Channel between the Jetties. Floating and submerged lines will extend over the North Jetty to South Padre Island beach. Estimated completion is December 2002.

- » *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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