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GULF INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY
PORT ALLEN LOCK

Mariners are advised that vessels entering Port Allen Lock from the Mississippi River have at times experienced a hazardous eddy current when making the approach into the lock forebay.

Navigation interests should take notice that this eddy current is still present at times and may have changed significantly so that it affects vessels further out into the river.

Vessel operators should therefore be on alert, and ready to take action sooner and/or in a different manner to avoid collisions with the floating guidewall that is located in the lock forebay.

Port Allen Lockmaster, Adam McFarlain, can be reached at (225) 343-3752 for up-to-date information. The point of contact with the New Orleans District is Victor Landry at (504) 862-2407.

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