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SCHOONER BAYOU CONTROL STRUCTURE (UPDATE)

Reference Navigation Notice No. 18-80, dated 29 May 2018, stating that commencing at 6:00 a.m. on 30 May 2018 and continuing until further notice, restricted vessel traffic (every 2 hours on the even hours) will be implemented at the Schooner Bayou Control Structure due to high salinity levels in the Mermentau Basin. Light boats and recreational vessels will be allowed through the structure from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. until the water rises in the Basin, or the salinity drops. However, once the salinity reaches 100 gpg at three locations, then a full closure will be implemented.

MARINERS ARE ADVISED THAT COMMENCING AT 6:00 P.M. TODAY, 11 JUNE 2018, AND CONTINUING UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, THE SCHOONER BAYOU CONTROL STRUCTURE WILL BE CLOSED TO NAVIGATION DUE TO HIGH SALINITY LEVELS IN THE MERMENTAU BASIN. THE STRUCTURE MAY REOPEN OR HAVE RESTRICTED LOCKING ONCE WATER LEVELS RISE IN THE MERMENTAU BASIN.

LELAND BOWMAN LOCK CAN BE USED AS AN ALTERNATE ROUTE.

Casey Choate, the Lockmaster at Schooner Bayou Control Structure, can be reached at (337) 737-2470 or (337) 316-3662 for up-to-date information. The point of contact with the New Orleans District is Tracy Falk at (504) 862-2971.


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