Reference Navigation Bulletin No. 23-74, dated 9 June 2023, stating that the U.S. Government Contract Cutterhead Dredge MIKE HOOKS will be working in the Calcasieu River Channel between Mile 22 and Mile 23, between Mile 5 and Mile 17, and at the intersection of the Intracoastal Waterway (including the flare at Devil’s Elbow to the end of the Turning Basin) through approximately 1 November 2023.

MARINERS ARE ADVISED THAT THE DREDGING OPERATIONS HAVE BEEN EXTENDED UNTIL APPROXIMATELY 1 FEBRUARY 2024, AND THE U.S. GOVERNMENT CONTRACT CUTTERHEAD DREDGE MIKE HOOKS HAS BEEN REPLACED WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT CONTRACT CUTTERHEAD DREDGE LORRAINE.

The Dredge will work 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and will give way to passing navigation. The Dredge can be contacted on either VHF channel 13 or 16 for sailing instructions.

Mariners are urged to transit at their slowest safe speed to minimize wake and proceed with caution after passing arrangements have been made.

The point of contact with the New Orleans District is Michael Sullivan at (504) 862-2373.

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