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NAVIGATION BULLETIN NO. 23-102

**SCHOONER BAYOU CONTROL STRUCTURE (UPDATE)**

Reference Navigation Bulletin No. 23-99, dated 3 August 2023, stating that commencing at 6:00 a.m. on 4 August 2023 and continuing until further notice, mariners are advised that Schooner Bayou Control Structure will go into a restricted locking procedure starting at 6:00 a.m., every 2 hours on the even hours, until 6:00 p.m. every day, due to low water and high salinity.

**EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND CONTINUING UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, MARINERS ARE ADVISED THAT SCHOONER BAYOU CONTROL STRUCTURE IS CLOSED TO NAVIGATION DUE TO LOW WATER LEVELS AND HIGH SALINITY IN THE MERMENTAU BASIN. THE STRUCTURE WILL REOPEN WHEN WATER LEVELS IN THE BASIN RISE AND SALINITY LEVELS DROP.**

All vessels must use Leland Bowman Lock 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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