

# MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN

Volume XVII Issue: 027

Time: 1900

Date: 22MAY17

## Waterway Status-VTS Measure MM 0.0 – MM 233.9 AHP LMR

Vessel Traffic Service Lower Mississippi River, in accordance with the Navigation Safety Regulations, Code of Federal Regulations Title 33, Subpart 161.11, will establish a Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) Measure for all waters of the Lower Mississippi River from Head of Passes (Mile 0.0) to the Highway 190 Bridge (Mile 233.9 above Head of Passes). This Measure is needed to protect persons and vessels from the potential safety hazards associated with high water conditions while the Lower Mississippi River stage reads above 15 feet at Carrollton Gauge. This Measure is in effect with the following provisions for all deep draft vessels while moored at a shore side facility:

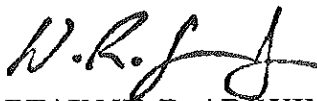
- Vessel's main engine must be in immediate stand-by during entire stay at berth. Bridge and engine room are to be manned at all times, with continuous communication between stations;
- Both anchors walked out and ready for letting go. Forecastle to be manned at all times with sufficient qualified personnel to quickly release and control the anchors;
- Vessel's crew to conduct checks of moorings both fore and aft, logging same each hour, confirming the moorings remain under proper tension at all times.

Updates and/or changes to the published schedule will be broadcast via Safety Broadcast Notice to Mariners and by Vessel Traffic Service Lower Mississippi River.

For further information or if you are unable to meet any specified requirements, contact the Port State Control Division during the hours of 6:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. or the Sector Command Center, after hours. Contact information is provided below.

Coast Guard Sector New Orleans Port State Control: (504) 365-2361, [pscnola@uscg.mil](mailto:pscnola@uscg.mil)

Coast Guard Sector New Orleans Command Center: (504) 365-2200, [scnola@uscg.mil](mailto:scnola@uscg.mil)



CAPTAIN W. R. ARGUIN  
Captain of the Port New Orleans