

MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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Date: February 10th, 2020

SAFETY ADVISORY:
ATCHAFALAYA RIVER

1. VTS Berwick Bay has resumed previous High Water operations.
2. All tows remain subject to the Vessel Traffic Service Berwick Bay High Water towing limitations and Emergency Vessel Maneuvering Controls. Northbound and Southbound tows transiting the Morgan City Triple Span Bridges and Westbound tows turning into the GICW at mile marker 98.5 are limited to a maximum tow length of 600 feet, deviations will not be granted regardless of horsepower. All Southbound tows 400 feet or greater, length of tow only, regardless of horsepower are required to have an additional assist boat to shadow through the Morgan City Triple Span Bridges. All Northbound tows 300ft or greater turning at MM 99' require an assist vessel.
3. Mariners are also advised of construction work taking place in the Bayou Chene in the vicinity of mile marker 94.5. All Mariners shall exercise extreme caution when transiting this area and make minimum safe speed. Any concerns regarding this construction should be directed to the St Mary's Levee District.
4. For further information, contact:

Coast Guard Morgan City Waterways Management: (985) 380-5334

Coast Guard Vessel Traffic Service Berwick Bay (24hrs): (985) 380-5370



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