

# MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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## SAFETY ADVISORY: ATCHAFALAYA RIVER

1. Based on current River Conditions, VTS Berwick Bay has shifted from High Water Restrictions to Normal Operations with the following exception: All Tows 601ft or greater and turning in or out of 20 Grand Point shall require a shadow assist due to extreme shoaling.
2. Mariners are advised that beginning 10 September 2019 the Bayou Boeuf Lock will be closed to Navigation from 7:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M. (daylight hours), Mondays through Thursdays, until approximately 26 October 2020 to construct a new south side chamber guidewall. For all Lock Information Mariners should contact the Bayou Boeuf Lockmaster. The Bayou Chene is open and can be used as an alternate route. Mariners are advised of shoaling in areas of the Bayou Chene and should review the latest Army Corps of Engineer surveys prior to their transit. In addition, there is extensive shoaling at 20 Grand, Mile Marker 99' on the right ascending bank, and Stouts Pass.
3. For further information, contact;

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

**Coast Guard Vessel Traffic Service Berwick Bay (24hrs): (985) 397-3306**



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