



Coast Guard Sector Houston-Galveston Marine Safety Information Bulletin 45-21

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UPDATE TO MSIB 43-21 - CLOSURES & WATERWAY IMPACTS PERTAINING TO SH 146 BRIDGE PROJECT

This MSIB provides updates to MSIB 43-21 – Closures and Waterway Impacts Pertaining to SH 146 Bridge Project due to construction scheduling changes.

The Coast Guard has approved channel openings/closures starting November 1, 2021 through March 25, 2022. Mariners are advised to follow the vessel traffic plan in this Marine Safety Information Bulletin. The Captain of the Port will issue another MSIB if there are any changes to the channel opening/closure schedule.

Channel Status	Date	Time
North Channel CLOSED	11/1/21 - 12/17/21	24 hour closure
Both Channels OPEN	12/18/21 – 1/2/22	24 hour opening
South Channel CLOSED	1/3/22 - 3/25/22	24 hour closure

Vessel Traffic Plan:

- To assist boaters in navigating through the correct channel, chains of red round buoys will be placed delineating the edge of the travel to the open channel, and prevent boaters from entering the closed channel.
- During any Coast Guard approved partial channel closure, one way vessel traffic shall switch directions every 5 minutes, upon direction of the red and green traffic signals.
- Flaggers on boats will direct traffic during daylight workings hours on the weekends.
- Electronic message boards will be mounted on either side of the channel.
- At various times law enforcement assets will be on-scene, to include Galveston County Sheriff’s Office, Marine Division, and U.S. Coast Guard, to ensure adherence to the established marine traffic management plan.

For additional questions, please contact TXDOT representative: Scott Walker at 909.510.0766 or Stephen Waller at 713.494.5729.

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