



Coast Guard Sector Houston-Galveston Marine Safety Information Bulletin 31-21

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UPDATE TO MSIB 27-21 - CLOSURES & WATERWAY IMPACTS PERTAINING TO SH 146 BRIDGE PROJECT

This MSIB provides updates to MSIB 27-21 – Closures and Waterway Impacts Pertaining to SH 146 Bridge Project due to construction scheduling changes.

The Coast Guard has approved channel closures starting June 11, 2021 and lasting through August 6, 2021 with temporary full openings to support high vessel traffic events. Mariners are advised to follow the vessel traffic plan in this Marine Safety Information Bulletin. The Captain of the Port will issue another MSIB in the near future providing dates for future channel closures due to construction.

Channel Status	Start Date/Time	End Date/Time
Both Channels CLOSED	6/11/21 12:00 a.m.	6/12/21 12:00 p.m.
North Channel CLOSED	6/12/21 12:01 p.m.	6/14/21 11:59 a.m.
South Channel CLOSED	6/14/21 12:00 p.m.	8/6/21 11:59 p.m.

The channel will be fully open during the following high vessel traffic events. If any other high vessel traffic events are organized during this time period, we will issue a revised MSIB.

Event	Date/ Time
Texas Outlaw Challenge	6/25/21 – 6/26/21 All day
Kemah Boardwalk Fireworks	7/4/21 7:30 p.m. – 11:59 p.m.
Texas Youth Race Week	7/8/21 – 7/11/21 All day

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.
- Flagger 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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