



# **Full Committee Meeting**

## **23 January 2025**

# Navigation Subcommittee Report

Captain Andrew Guidry, Sabine Pilots





# **Tug Utilization Sub-Committee Report (Ad Hoc)**



# Education, Research and Workforce Development Subcommittee Report

Mr. Rob Dubois, Lamar University

# COMMERCIAL FISHERIES – COMMERCIAL FISHING VESSEL EXAMINER

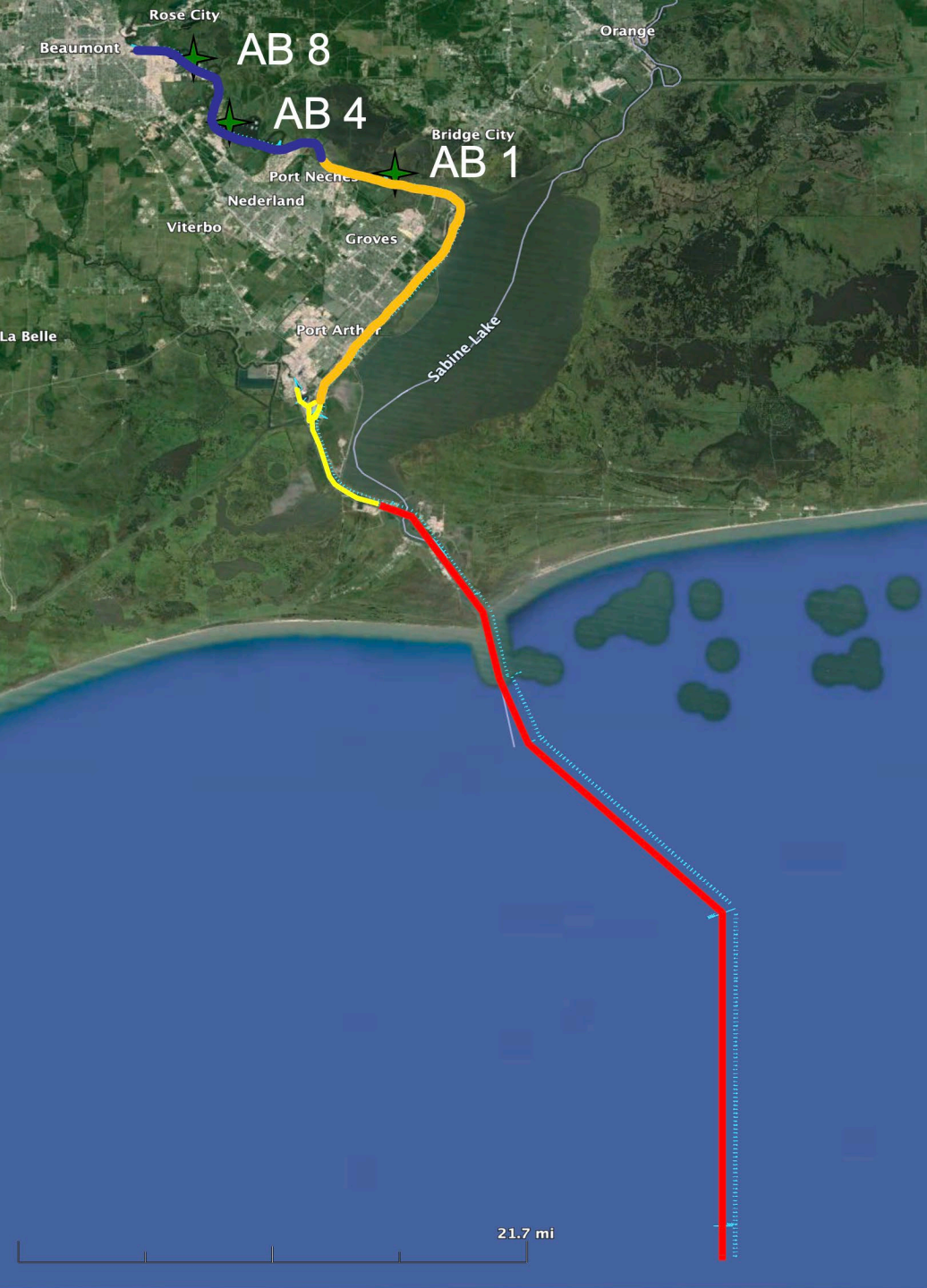
Southeast Texas Waterway Advisory Committee

**Nathan Souza**





**Waterway Maintenance and Improvement  
Subcommittee Report**  
Kyle Reed, Sabine-Neches Navigation District



<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Contract Name</u>	<u>Award Year</u>	<u>Owner of Contract</u>
1	-	DREDGE ANCHORAGE BASIN #1	FY 19	USACE
2A	Red	DREDGE OFFSHORE CHANNEL TO SABINE BANK CHANNEL	FY 21	USACE
2B	Red	DREDGE SABINE BANK CHANNEL TO SABINE PASS CHANNEL	FY 23	SNND
3	Yellow	DREDGE SABINE PASS CHANNEL TO TAYLOR BAYOU	FY 24	SNND
4	Orange / Blue	DREDGE LOWER SABINE NECHES CANAL TO LOWER NECHES RIVER CHANNEL	FY 25	SNND
6	Red	DREDGE SABINE PASS JETTY CHANNEL TO SABINE BANK EXTENSION	FY 24	USACE
7	Yellow	DREDGE SABINE PASS CHANNEL TO TAYLOR BAYOU	FY 25	USACE
8	Orange	DREDGE LOWER SABINE NECHES CANAL TO LOWER NECHES RIVER CHANNEL	TBD	USACE
9	Blue	DREDGE MID NECHES RIVER CHANNEL TO UPPER NECHES RIVER CHANNEL	TBD	USACE
10	-	MITIGATION WEST BLACK BAYOU, LA	TBD	USACE
11	-	MITIGATION EAST BLACK BAYOU, LA	TBD	USACE
12	-	MITIGATION WILLOW BAYOU, LA	TBD	USACE
13	-	DREDGE ANCHORAGE BASIN #8	FY 24	SNND
14	-	DREDGE ANCHORAGE BASIN #4	FY 25	SNND



SNWW CHANNEL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - PIPELINE STATUS				
Owner	Pipe Size	Stationing	Status	Removal Date
Natural Gas Pipeline	30"	242+28	Removed	-
Williams	24"	36+69	No longer needing to be removed	-
Williams	24"	41+69	No longer needing to be removed	-
Kinetica	16"	81+666	Meeting with Morrison to discuss removal	Late February
Kinetica	30"	24+858	May Removal	May
Targa	10"	56+690	Meeting Friday Champagne / Coast Guard / Sabine Pilots to discuss removal	February
Targa	12"	139+909	Champagne to remove 12" after 10"	February / March
Renaissance	8"	82+889	Awaiting Diver Dan survey to determine need for removal	
FieldWood	12"	149+958	Removed	-



# Sabine-Neches Waterway

## Operations and Maintenance Update

**Timothy J. White, P.E., PMP**  
**Resident Engineer**

**Sara C. Knoll, P.E.**  
**Operations Manager**

**USACE – Galveston District**

*SETWAC Meeting*  
*Jan 23, 2025*



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# **Ongoing Contracts**

## **Sabine-Neches Waterway**

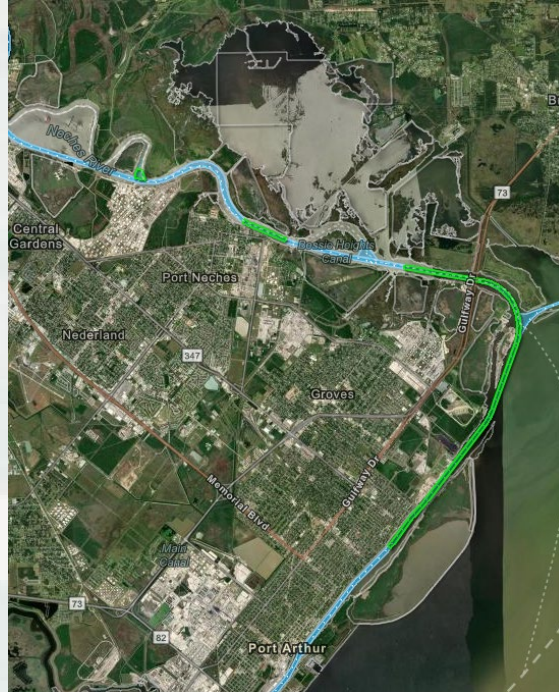


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# SABINE-NECHES WATERWAY FY24 SNWW Maintenance Dredging



Estimated start Jan. 2025

Project:	Sabine-Neches Waterway FY24 SNWW Maintenance Dredging
Dredging Depth:	40ft + Advance Maint.
Dredging Quantity:	3 MCY
Material Type:	MAINTENANCE
Dredge Type	Pipeline Dredge
Award:	September 2024
Req. Completion	May 2025

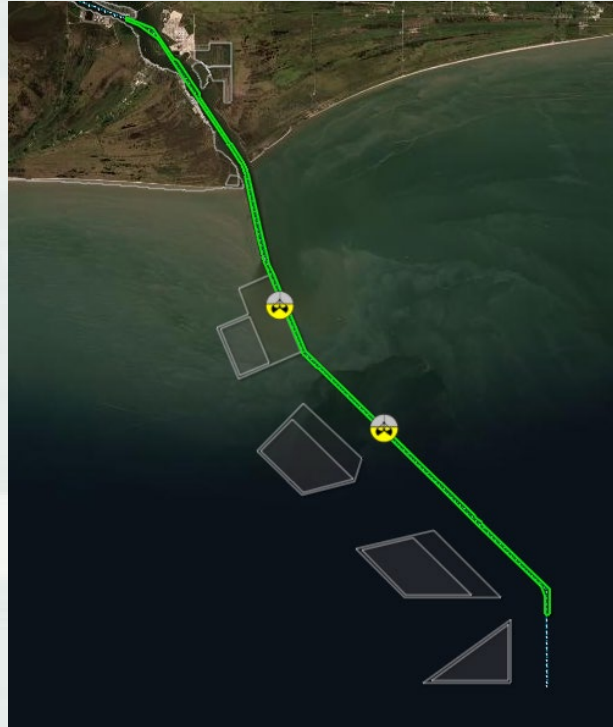
Contractor: Muddy Water Dredging



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# SABINE-NECHES WATERWAY SABINE BANK TO SABINE PASS DEEPENING



Construction complete.

<b>Project:</b>	<b>Sabine-Neches Waterway Sabine Bank Channel to Sabine Pass Channel Half Depth (Contract #2B)</b>
Dredging Depth:	46/44 feet + Adv Maint.
Material Type:	<b>NEW WORK</b>
Dredge Type	Hopper Dredge
Award:	December 2023
Req. Completion	December 2024

Awarded by SNND.

Contractor: Great Lakes  
Dredge & Dock

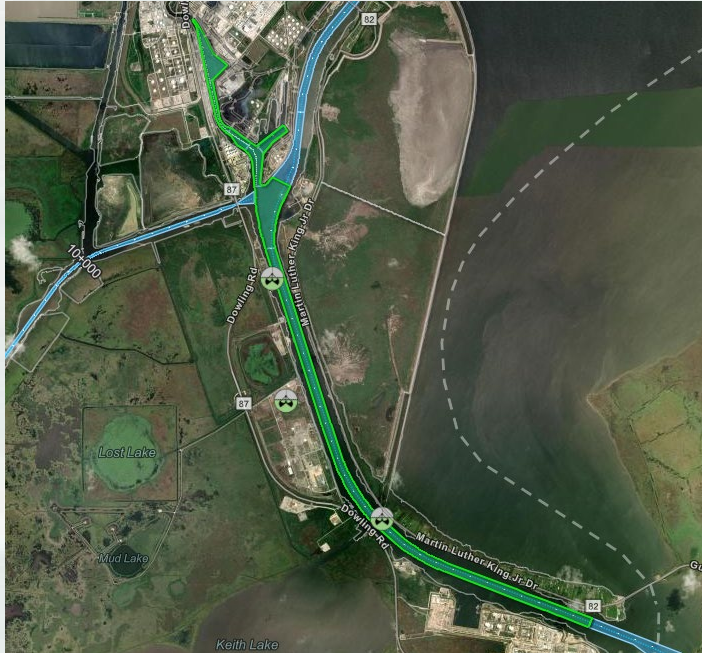


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# SABINE-NECHES WATERWAY PORT ARTHUR CANAL & TAYLOR'S BAYOU DEEPENING



Construction ongoing.

Project:	Sabine-Neches Waterway Port Arthur Canal, Taylor's Bayou Half Depth (Contract #3)
Dredging Depth:	44 feet + Adv Maint.
Material Type:	NEW WORK
Dredge Type:	Pipeline
Award:	July 2024
Req. Completion	January 2025

Awarded by SNND.

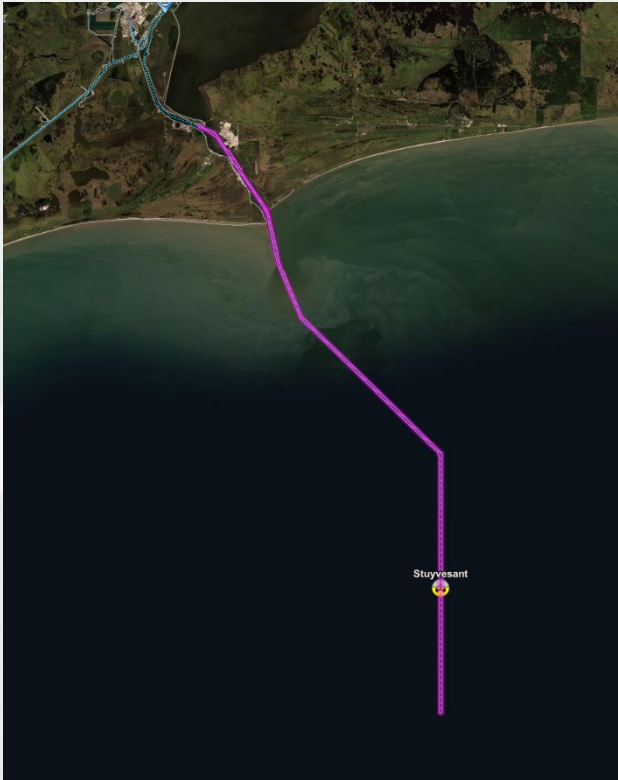
Contractor: Crosby Dredging



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# SABINE-NECHES WATERWAY EXTENSION CHANNEL TO SABINE PASS DEEPENING



Construction starting July 2025.

Project:	Sabine-Neches Waterway – CIP (Contract #6 – Full Depth – Sabine Entrance Channel)
Dredging Depth:	48/50 feet + Adv Maint.
Material Type:	NEW WORK
Dredge Type:	Multiple
Award:	September 2024
Req. Completion:	April 2027

Awarded by USACE.  
Contractor: Great Lakes

POC:  
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Project Manager  
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# **Future Dredging Contracts**

## **Sabine-Neches Waterway**

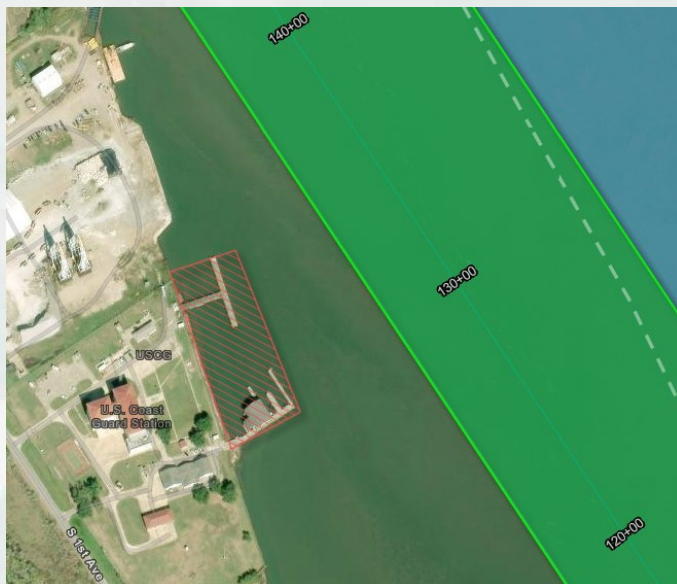


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# SABINE-NECHES WATERWAY FY25 USCG Basin Dredging



Project:	Sabine-Neches Waterway FY25 USCG Basin Dredging
Dredging Depth:	8-15 ft
Dredging Quantity:	35,000 CY
Material Type:	MAINTENANCE
Dredge Type	Pipeline Dredge
Award:	September 2025
Req. Completion	November 2025

To be awarded by USACE.  
Contractor: TBD



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# SABINE-NECHES WATERWAY ANCHORAGE BASIN 8 EXISTING DEPTH



Project:	Anchorage Basin 8 – Existing Depth (Contract #13)
Dredging Depth:	40 feet + Adv Maint.
Material Type:	NEW WORK
Award:	SNND: FY25

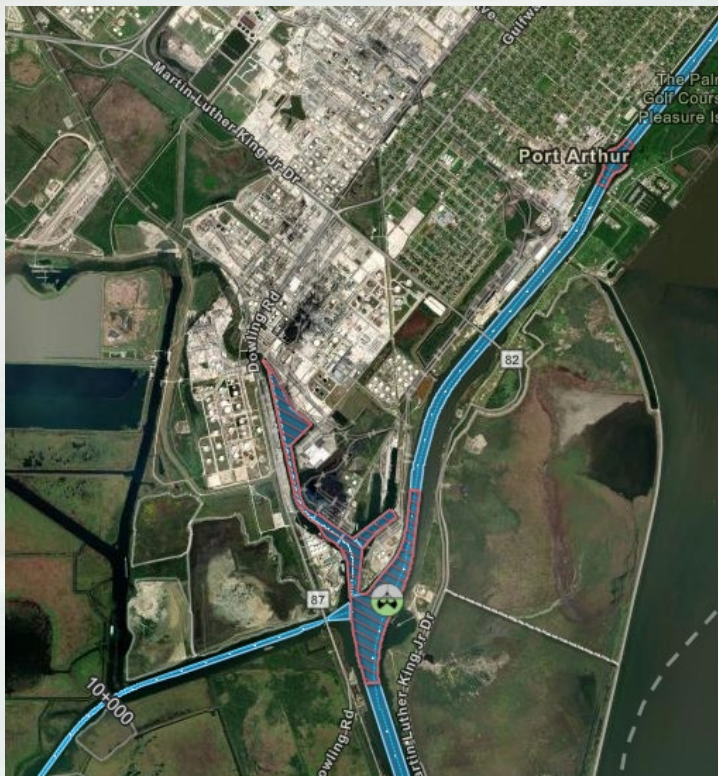
To be awarded by SNND.  
Contractor: TBD



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# SABINE-NECHES WATERWAY FY26 SNWW Maintenance Dredging



<b>Project:</b>	<b>Sabine-Neches Waterway FY26 SNWW Maintenance Dredging</b>
Dredging Depth:	40/44ft + Advance Maint.
Dredging Quantity:	3 MCY
Material Type:	<b>MAINTENANCE</b>
Dredge Type	Pipeline Dredge
Award:	November 2025
Req. Completion	May 2026

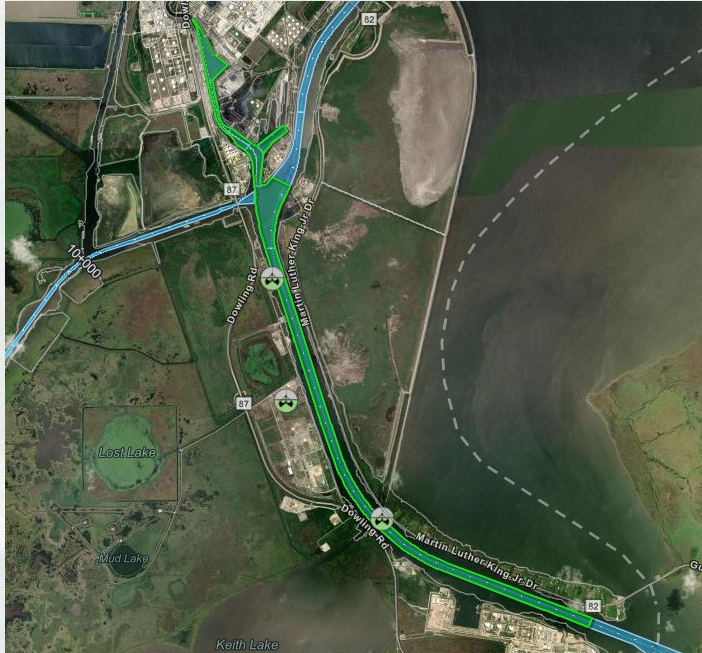
Contractor: TBD



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# SABINE-NECHES WATERWAY SABINE PASS, PORT ARTHUR CANAL, & TAYLOR'S BAYOU DEEPENING



Project:	Sabine-Neches Waterway Sabine Pass, Port Arthur Canal, & Taylor's Bayou – Full Depth (Contract #7)
Dredging Depth:	48 feet + Adv Maint.
Material Type:	<b>NEW WORK</b>
Award:	USACE: FY26

To be awarded by USACE.  
Contractor: TBD

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# Taylors Bayou

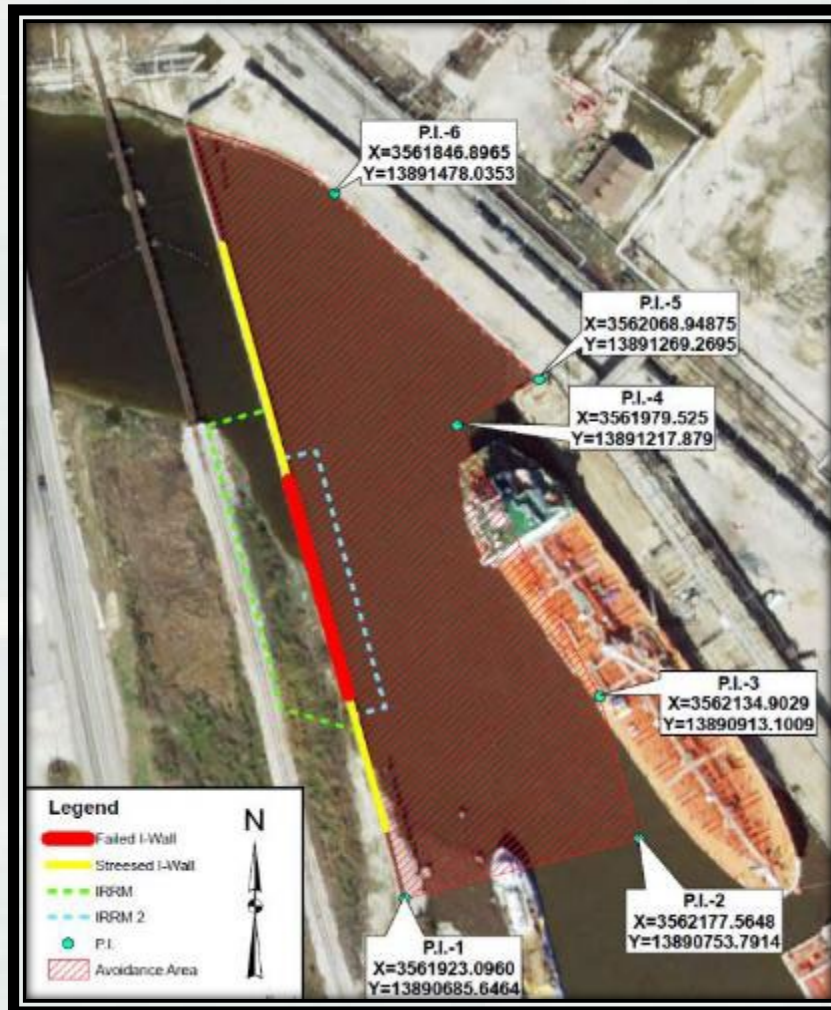


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# Taylors Bayou Current Restrictions



## Current Status:

- Vessel Traffic Allowed in Hatched Area shown in Figure WITH LIMITATIONS put on tugs.
- Wall and temporary protection is being monitored by DD7 and USACE.



# Questions?



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# **Southeast Texas and Southwest Louisiana Area Maritime Security Committee**

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**Port Security Grant Program: FY25-Now is the time to socialize your projects with the COTP/PSS. Do not be discouraged by last year.**

**AMSC FSO/VSO Subcommittee meeting will be held on March 27<sup>th</sup> at 10am at the Orange County Expo Center. This subcommittee has grown from 3 to over 50 in the last two years.**

**Drones (UAS) continue to a main concern. If you have a drone sighting over your facility or ship, report it to the National Response Center (NRC) – 1-800-424-8802**

**Port Security Resiliency Assessment evaluating five SETX select assets against specific threats that may initiate a Transportation Security Incident (TSI). Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> through the 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Honoring Our Port Partners Commitment to Service: Captain Danny Walker-Jefferson County Sheriff's Department Marine Division**



# Port Security Grants Program

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**If you have questions pertaining to your FY24 PSG please reach out to FEMA for details.  
The USCG is unable to comment on why and why not!**

## Questions?

**Michael J. Hiatt**

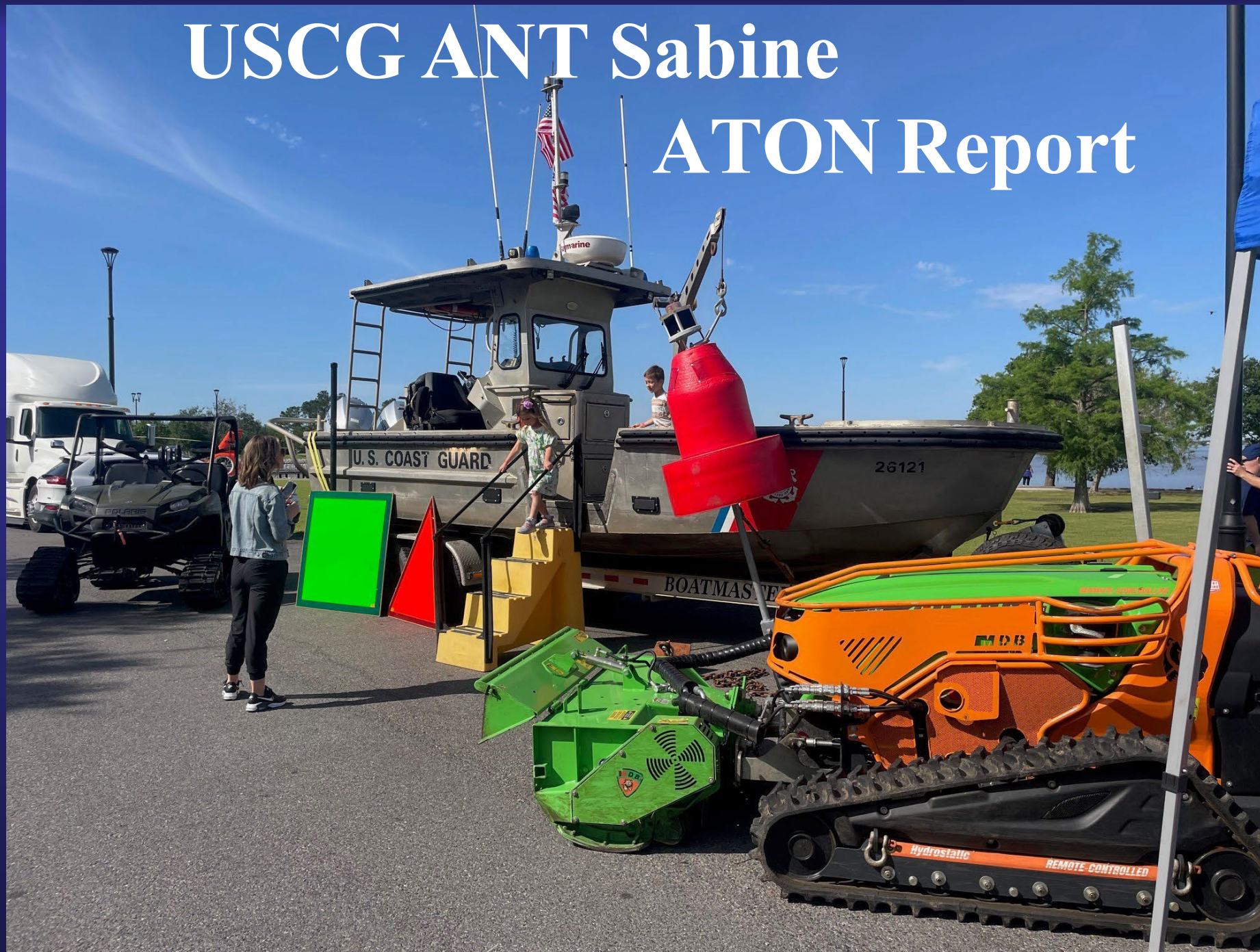
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# USCGC ANT Sabine

## ATON Report





# New Business



# New USCG Policy



- NVIC 01-25: Guidance for Improvement and Enhancement of Cooperative Relationships Through Local Harbor Safety Committees (HSC)
  - Outlines & recommends best practices for HSCs
  - Encourages & provides guidance to establishing new HSCs

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United States  
Coast Guard



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NVIC 01-25  
January 13, 2025

## NAVIGATION AND VESSEL INSPECTION CIRCULAR NO. 01-25

Subj: GUIDANCE FOR IMPROVEMENT AND ENHANCEMENT OF COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIPS THROUGH LOCAL HARBOR SAFETY COMMITTEES

Ref: (a) United States Coast Guard Maritime Commerce Strategic Outlook ([October 2018](#))  
(b) United States Coast Guard Strategy ([October 2022](#))  
(c) Implementation Plan for the Maritime Commerce Strategic Outlook ([February 2021](#))  
(d) National Strategy on the Marine Transportation System ([March 2023](#))  
(e) Committee Management Policies and Procedures, COMDTINST 5420.37 (series)

1. **PURPOSE.** To provide guidance to public and private stakeholders participating in local Harbor Safety Committees (HSCs) in order to improve and enhance local coordination of Marine Transportation System (MTS) issues, such as ports and waterways safety, efficiency, security, mobility, and environmental protection. This Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular (NVIC) is intended to encourage existing HSCs to review their current state and consider whether opportunities exist to update or revise HSC practices to improve local coordination. This NVIC



# STATE OF THE WATERWAY - 2024



# Elections



NOAA assistant administrator  
will be in town on February 11<sup>th</sup>

# Big Thicket Association

Diane Thompson



## Neches River Adventures

<https://www.nechesriveradventures.org/>

### Now Hiring Part-time River Boat Captains & Deckhands

#### What we do:

The Big Thicket Association operates the *Ivory Bill*, a 45-foot covered excursion boat on the Neches River for School Field Trips, Saturday Public Eco-History Tours, Eco-Art Boats, and Private Charters. The boat operates on the open river, and is capable of navigating the shallows of cypress-lined backwater channels of the Big Thicket National Preserve. The vessel has the capacity to carry thirty passengers and crew members are USCG approved. River guides, docents, and educators are Big Thicket Association staff members, volunteers, or special guests.

#### Crew Requirements:

**Captains** are required to hold a current USCG Mariner Credential, TWIC Card, 1<sup>st</sup> Aid & CPR/AED Certification, \*Maritime Consortium Membership, and attend training aboard the *Ivory Bill*. Captains can be volunteers or paid contractors. Contractors are paid \$35 hourly.

**Deckhands** are required to hold a current 1<sup>st</sup> Aid & CPR/AED Certification, \*Maritime Consortium Membership, and attend training aboard the *Ivory Bill*. Deckhands can be volunteers or paid contractors. Contractors are paid \$20 hourly.

\* The Maritime Consortium is a random drug testing program. Enrollment is paid by the Big Thicket Association.



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**Next Full Committee Meeting**  
**24 April 2025**