Calcasieu River and Approaches
NOAA Chart 11339

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(Selected Excerpts from Coast Pilot)

Calcasieu Pass, the outlet of Calcasieu Lake, is about 98 miles W of Atchafalaya Bay entrance and 78 miles E of Galveston entrance. It is the first and only deep-draft channel W of the Mississippi River and E of Sabine Pass.

Prominent features.–In the vicinity of Calcasieu Pass are the range and jetties and, at night, the occulting red obstruction lights on the many radio towers in the area. A regulated navigation area has been established in Calcasieu River from the Calcasieu jetties to and including the Port of Lake Charles. (See 165.1 through 165.13 and 165.807, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

The Trunkline liquified natural gas facility on Industrial Canal is within a safety zone. Additionally, the waters surrounding non-gasfree LNG carriers transiting Calcasieu River are a safety zone. (See 165.1 through 165.7, 165.20, 165.23, and 165.805, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

Channels.–The Calcasieu entrance has been improved by jetties and a deepwater channel. The jetties extend seaward from the shoreline for about 1.1 miles and are mostly above normal high tide. A Federal project provides for a channel 42 feet deep across the outer bar from that depth in the Gulf to the entrance jetties, thence 40 feet through the jetties, thence to and in the Industrial Canal and turning basin N of Choupique Island, thence to the Port of Lake Charles wharves, and thence 35 feet to the Interstate Route 10/U.S. Route 90 highway bridge. (See Notice to Mariners and latest editions of charts for controlling depths.)

The channel is marked by lighted buoys and lights.

Anchorages.–Large vessels should anchor in Calcasieu Pass Fairway Anchorage, E of the safety fairway. (See 166.100 through 166.200, chapter 2.) Vessels up to 12 feet in draft can obtain excellent anchorage in the bend in the river at Cameron. While waiting for daylight or fog to lift, ships can anchor out of the fairway anywhere in Calcasieu River. No anchorages exist in the landcuts, and ships entering cuts are expected to complete passage. Deep-draft vessels normally anchor 2 to 3 miles SE of the Pilot Boarding Station No. 4, being cognizant to avoid charted pipelines.

Dangers.–Seaward of the jetties, a moderate to strong current sweeps across the channel, normally setting in a W direction; however, strong W winds will cause a current reversal; mariners should exercise caution and be on the alert. Numerous collisions have occurred at the entrance to the jetties due to this set across the channel. Meeting or overtaking situations near the entrance should be avoided. A mud slush lying on the bottom, approximately 6 feet above the hard surface, frequently will be found in the channel seaward of the jetties and at various places above the pass. This material can hardly be detected by the leadline. A 1- to 4-foot layer of soupy material, some 8 to 10 feet above the hard bottom and 20 to 23 feet below the surface, occasionally is encountered in the same localities.

SPOIL banks of undetermined depth exist on the W side of the entrance channel and outer channel except within a mile N and S of Calcasieu Channel Lighted Buoy 29, which area, the Lake Charles Pilots report, has been left clear for Pilot Station No. 1. Mariners are advised to avoid navigating across the spoil banks, because the actual depths may be considerably less than the charted depths.

In 1981, a submerged obstruction was reported in the fairway anchorage W of the safety fairway in about 29°37.3'N., 93°27.7'W.

Currents.–Currents at Cameron Berthage, electricity, gasoline, diesel fuel, water, ice, wet storage, marine supplies, a 30-ton hoist for hull, engine and electronic repairs, and reported depths to 8 feet are available in facilities across the river from the Port of Lake Charles, NE of Berths 1, 2, and 3. Facilities on Contraband Bayou provide berthing, electricity, gasoline, diesel fuel, water, ice, pump-out station, launching ramp, dry storage, marine supplies, and a 30-ton hoist for vessels to 80 feet for hull, engine and electronic repairs. Good anchorage is available in the lake in depths of 8 to 10 feet. A marina off the Calcasieu River, about 0.9 mile N of Lake Charles, has gasoline, launching ramp, water and ice.
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Lateral System As Seen Entering From Seaward
on navigable waters except Western Rivers

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For more information on aids to navigation, including those on Western Rivers, please consult the latest USCG Light List for your area. These volumes are available online at http://www.navcen.uscg.gov
CAUTION

WARNING CONCERNING LARGE VESSELS

The "Rules of the Road" state that recreational boats shall not impede the passage of a vessel that can navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway. Large vessels may appear to move slowly due to their large size but actually transit at speeds in excess of 15 knots requiring a great distance in which to maneuver or stop. A large vessel's superstructure may block the wind with the result that small boats and sailboats may unexpectedly find themselves unable to maneuver. Side and stern waves can be hazardous to small vessels. Large vessels may not be able to see small craft close to their bows.

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Note: Chart grid lines are aligned with true north.

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SCALE 1:50,000
Nautical Miles

See Note on page 5.

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VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:
Channel 6 – Inter-ship safety communications.
Channel 9 – Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.
Channel 13 – Navigation purposes at bridges, locks, and harbors.
Channel 16 – Emergency, distress and safety calls to Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other vessels. Contact the other vessel, agree to another channel, and then switch.
Channel 22A – Calls between the Coast Guard and the public. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation and safety warnings are broadcast here.
Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 and 78A – Recreational boat channels.

Getting and Giving Help — Signal other boaters using visual distress signals (flares, orange flag, lights, arm signals); whistles; horns; and on your VHF radio. You are required by law to help boaters in trouble. Respond to distress signals, but do not endanger yourself.

Distress Call Procedures
- Make sure radio is on.
- Select Channel 16.
- Press/Hold the transmit button.
- Clearly say: “MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY.”
- Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of Emergency; Number of People on Board.
- Release transmit button.
- Wait for 10 seconds — If no response Repeat MAYDAY call.

HAVE ALL PERSONS PUT ON LIFE JACKETS!

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http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/

Quick References
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- Coast Pilot online — http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nosd/cpdownload.htm
- Tides and Currents — http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov
- National Data Buoy Center — http://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/
- NowCoast web portal for coastal conditions — http://www.nowcoast.noaa.gov/
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