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Notice to Navigation Interests

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Chicago Harbor and River NOAA Charts: 14905, 14926, 14927, & 14928

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CHICAGO HARBOR LOCK AMENDED CLOSURE SCHEDULE FOR GATE REPAIRS

1. Navigation Notice 12-001 is hereby cancelled. The following amended closure schedule is necessary to complete the repairs to the gate machinery of all four lock gates:
2. The present closure of Chicago Harbor Lock to all navigation has been extended until approximately 02 April 2012 to complete installation of the north gates machinery.
3. As soon as the north gates are operational, one short duration window of a few hours will be provided for a 78 ft width lockage of larger vessels. Mariners desiring this special lockage must schedule the lockage with Chicago District Operations to coordinate the exact date & time of the transit window and restriction information. The anticipated date is 02 or 03 April 2012.
4. From the end of the 78 ft wide transit window until 7 A.M. on 28 April 2012, the Chicago Harbor Lock will operate with a 40 feet width restriction for the repair of the south gates. Vessels may be delayed up to 4 hours when certain work is in progress. Mariners are encouraged to contact lock operators 24/7 by phone 312-787-4795 to discuss lockage timing.
5. Commencing at 7 A.M. on 28 April 2012, there will be a complete closure of the Chicago Harbor Lock until 7 A.M. on 01 May 2012.
6. From 7 A.M. on 01 May 2012 until repairs are completed – currently scheduled for 7 P.M. on 15 May 2012 – the lock will generally operate with a 40 feet wide width restriction, and completely close to all vessels each night from 1 A.M. to 9 A.M. In addition, there will be one all-day lock closure to all vessels – target date is 02 or 03 May 2012. A separate notice will be issued as soon as the work date is confirmed to provide specific information to boatyards and crews.
7. The following is a link to Chicago District Notice to Navigation Interests page where all Chicago District notices are posted. http://www.lrc.usace.army.mil/co-o/Nav_Notice.htm
8. If you have any comments or questions regarding this notice, you may contact Tim Kroll in Chicago District Operations at 312-846-5484 or tim.kroll@usace.army.mil.

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