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# River Operations Update

## October 29, 2026

**UPPER MISSISSIPPI:**

| LOCK NAME | MILEPOINT | CLOSURE DATE | CLOSURE |
|---|---|---|---|
| CHAIN OF ROCKS CANAL | UM 185.3 | **10/26-11/1** | There will be daily closures from 1700 – 0600 for dredging. |

**PORT ALLEN ROUTE:**

| LOCK NAME | MILEPOINT | CLOSURE DATE | CLOSURE |
|---|---|---|---|
| BAYOU SORREL SWING BRIDGE | PA 38.3 | **12/8, 12/10, 12/13, 1/19/27, 1/21/27** | Bridge will be closed for repairs on the following dates/times:<br>December 8th from 0830 to 1630<br>December 10th from 0600 to 1700<br>December 13th from 0830 to 1630<br>January 19th from 0830 to 1630<br>January 21st from 0830 to 1630 |

**LOWER MISSISSIPPI: LOW WATER SURCHARGES MAY APPLY**

**LOWER MISSISSIPPI IS CURRENTLY EXPERIENCING LOW WATER CONDITIONS.**

| LOCK NAME | MILEPOINT | CLOSURE DATE | CLOSURE |
|---|---|---|---|
| LOWER MISSISSIPPI CHANNEL | LM 437 | **10/19-TBD** | There will be planned channel restrictions associated with the I-55 America's River Crossing probing operations. Updates to follow as information becomes available.<br>• Phase 1 - is anticipated to last approximately two weeks and will include a reduced-channel condition along with a closure of the Arkansas, or third, channel.<br>• Phase 2 - is anticipated to last approximately one week and will shift the work to the Tennessee/primary channel side, coordinating with all parties closely to monitor the requested daylight closures. |

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## BLACK WARRIOR:

| LOCK NAME | MILEPOINT | CLOSURE DATE | CLOSURE |
|---|---|---|---|
| HOLT LOCK | BW 347 | **1/12/2026-11/2/2026**<br><br>**11/2/2026-12/18/2026** | Holt Lock will be opening to navigation today, 10/29, at 7:00 pm CT. It will remain open to navigation until 0600 11/2<br><br>Closed Mondays 0600 thru Saturdays 0600<br>Open Saturdays 0600 thru Mondays 0600 |
| ENCORE DREDGING | BW 83 | **10/20-12/2026** | The dredge will be working 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Dredge material will be placed in the permitted in-bank disposal areas. Navigation traffic should contact the dredge via marine radio (Channel 16) prior to passing and is requested to transit this reach with caution at no wake speed. |

## OHIO RIVER:

| LOCK NAME | MILEPOINT | CLOSURE DATE | CLOSURE |
|---|---|---|---|
| SMITHLAND LOCK & DAM | OH 918.5 | **8/24-11/16/2026** | Smithland Locks & Dams will have a 12-week closure (6 weeks per chamber) to upgrade the lock controls. The closure will start with the Land Chamber and once work is complete, the River Chamber will then be closed. During this time, one chamber will remain open to navigation traffic. |
| OLMSTEAD LOCK | OH 946 | **10/5-11/13** | Closed for a dewatering and repairs to the miter gates. All traffic will use the Land Chamber during this time. |
| CAPTAIN ANTHONY MELDAHL LOCK & DAM | OH 436.0 | **8/24/2026-1/6/2027** | Beginning **August 24th**, the main lock chamber will be closed for repairs. Work is expected to be completed on or about **January 6, 2027.** All traffic will use the auxiliary chamber during this time. |
| HANNIBAL LOCKS & DAM | OH 126.4 | **10/12-11/10** | The primary chamber will be closed to replace the hydraulic system. The auxiliary chamber will be open and self-help will be needed for multiple cuts. |
| MARKLAND LOCKS & DAM | OH 531.5 | **10/21-TBD** | Beginning October 21st until further notice, the auxiliary chamber will be closed for repairs. All traffic will use the main chamber during this time |

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## GULF INTRACOSTAL WATERWAY (GIWW):

| LOCK NAME | MILEPOINT | CLOSURE DATE | CLOSURE |
|---|---|---|---|
| CALCASIEU LOCK – NORTH CHAMBER WALL PLACEMENT | WC 238 | **4/18-10/31/2026** | Monday – Friday daytime closures. |
| BRAZOS RIVER FLOOD GATES | WC 401 | **9/2026-12/28/2026** | Restrictions have been extended and will remain in place Monday-Friday, between 0700 and 1900 to allow for repair work. |
| COLORADO RIVER LOCK | WC 441.5 | **8/19-11/20** | Colorado River Lock will be closed daily for West Lock South Riverside Sector Gate repairs from 0800 - 1800, excluding weekends and holidays. |
| GRAND LAKE BRIDGE | WC 231.5 | **10/15-12/15** | Closed Monday through Friday from 0700 - 1900 for repairs. They will coordinate repairs to coincide with ongoing guidewall repair work and associated lock closures at Calcasieu Lock. |
| BERWICK BAY BRIDGE | WC 17.5 | **11/4-11/5** | The BNSF RR Bridge in Morgan City will be closed for repairs. |
| HARVEY LOCK | WC 0.0 | **10/22-TBD** | Harvey Lock is closed due to reverse head conditions. The USACE does not have an estimated time for the lock to reopen based on current river and canal water level forecasts. |

## ARKANSAS RIVER:

| LOCK NAME | MILEPOINT | CLOSURE DATE | CLOSURE |
|---|---|---|---|
| MURRAY LOCK | AR 125 | **6/15 -11/18** | Closed to traffic 0700-1900 and open to traffic 1900-0700. Tows will be restricted to 70ft widths |
| TOAD SUCK FERRY | AR 156 | **6/15 -11/18** | Closed to traffic 0700-1900 and open to traffic 1900-0700. Tows will be restricted to 70ft widths |
| ARTHUR V ORMOND | AR 177 | **6/15 -11/18** | Closed to traffic 0700-1900 and open to traffic 1900-0700. Tows will be restricted to 70ft widths |
| DARDANELLE | AR 205 | **6/15 -11/18** | Closed to traffic 0700-1900 and open to traffic 1900-0700. Tows will be restricted to 70ft widths |
| OZARK JETTA TAYLOR | AR 256 | **6/15 -11/18** | Closed to traffic 0700-1900 and open to traffic 1900-0700. Tows will be restricted to 70ft widths |
| JAMES W TRIMBLE | AR 293 | **6/15 -11/18** | Closed to traffic 0700-1900 and open to traffic 1900-0700. Tows will be restricted to 70ft widths |

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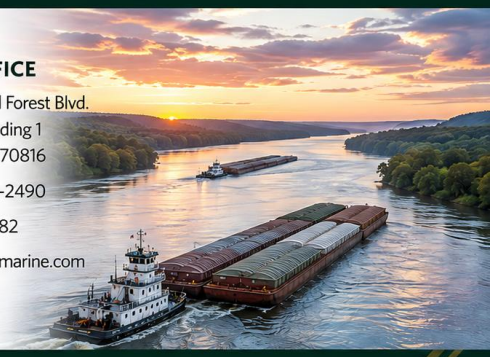

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**-Kindly note that, in accordance with the "Tolls, Taxes, or User Charges" clause of Celtic's Service Agreement, Celtic reserves the right to assess costs associated with lock delays.**

**Weather Highlights**

- **Upper Mississippi/Red/Souris: Temperatures remain above normal through the next several days. Storm chances today will bring a slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms with all hazards possible. Rain chances will continue over the weekend.**
- **Middle Mississippi Valley: Generally dry and above normal temps persist through Friday, but rain chances return over the weekend into early next week. Several inches of rain could be expected as beneficial rainfall.**
- **Lower Mississippi Valley: Above normal temperatures persist through the next several days. Rain chances return Friday night into the weekend and next week. Several inches of rain could be expected and may present a marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding.**

**QPF Totals**

- **Upper Mississippi/Red/Souris: 0.1" to 2.50" of liquid precipitation.**
- **Middle Mississippi/Lower Ohio Valley: 1.00" to 4.00" of liquid precipitation.**
- **Lower Mississippi Valley: 0.5" to 3.00" of liquid precipitation.**

**Unknown-MVD Meteorologist MVD/National Weather Service Liaison**