

Hot Topics:

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NOTEWORTHY NEWS & INDUSTRY ISSUES

For specific details on information noted below, please contact your ACBL Salesperson or Logistics Representative at **(800) 899-7195**.

Cairo/Lower Miss Southbound Delays, expect an additional 4-5 days of interchange at Cairo or delay at origins on Lower Miss and Lower Ohio – We are back to max tow sizes on the Lower Miss, expect to see a reduction in delays in Cairo/Lower Miss area over the next week.

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Missouri – The Missouri River is expected to open on April 1st.

Illinois River, Peoria and LaGrange Locks are forecasted to begin locking this weekend due to dropping river gauges.

Illinois River, Lagrange Lock will be closed for 4 hours on February 23 from 0900 to 1300.

Illinois River, Marseilles Lock – The ongoing repairs to the dam and lock, stemming from when they were struck during the flood of 2013, are expected to complete by the middle of March

Illinois River Buoy Tending – The USCGC Cheyenne will head up from St. Louis this week to run the river.

Gulf/Canals – Fog continues to result in 3-6 hours of stoppage time nightly, expect transit delays

Cumberland River Mile 102-104: Channel maintenance dredging at mile 102-104 (Cumberland City Island) on the Cumberland River will begin Jan 9 and continue through Mar 31, 2017. May experience some barge transit delays

Cumberland River Mile 63.1: Crews will be floating in the arch span to the new bridge (Henry R. Lawrence Bridge (U.S. HWY 68)) on 14 February, 2017. The navigation channel will be closed to traffic beginning at 07:00 am and will remain closed throughout the operation (up to 72 hours). The U.S. Coast Guard will monitor this operation and inform industry to any changes to this schedule.

Riprap Placement Tennessee River Mi.244 - Nov 14-Apr 14,2017 Monday-Friday 6am-5pm daily crews will be placing erosion control riprap on the left descending bank of the Tennessee River near mile 244. All scheduled work is outside the navigation channel.

Rock Pinnacle Removal/Dredging Work (UMR 38-46) – When the Cape Girardeau river gauge falls to 15ft, rock pinnacle removal work will begin near Thebes, IL. Delays and tow restrictions to be expected during this work from 0700-1900, 7 days/wk. Delayed until mid-February

LOCK CLOSURES AND INFORMATION

Lock Name	Phone	Mile Pt	Closure Dates	Notes
MONONGAHELA				
Braddock	412-271-1272	11.3	3/27-4/28	Main chamber closed for repairs, replacing upper miter gate
Charleroi (L&D 4)	724-684-8442	41.5	5/14-6/20	Repairs to concrete & ladders, closure during the week, open on wknds.
GULF INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY - WEST				
Harvey	504-366-4683	98.3	8/2017	Tentative dewatering closure expected to last 60 days.
Bayou Boeuf	985-384-7626	93.3	8/2017	Tentative dewatering closure expected to last 60 days – may get pushed back to 2018
ILLINOIS WATERWAY				
LaGrange	217-225-3317	80.2	6/1-7/29	70' width restriction due to Bulk Head Slots installation
LaGrange	217-225-3317	80.2	6/1-8/29	Installation of Bulk head Slots. 10 hour per day closure, from 07:00-17:00, 7 days/week. Lock will open from 17:00 through 07:00 the next day each day during the closure. Lockages will be restricted to 70' during this time, as there will be a coffer box in place on the lock wall. Industry can get on queue with a 15 barge tow; assist tug required to take the additional width through the lock during the open times.
Peoria	309-699-6111	157.7	5/17-5/30	Two 36 hour closures for installation of new miter gates
Starved Rock	815-667-4114	231	6/1-7/7	Repairs to the upper guide wall. 10 hour per day closure, from 07:00-17:00, 7 days/week. Lock will be open from 17:00 through 07:00 the next day each day during the closure.
UPPER MISSISSIPPI				
Lock 21	217-222-0918	325	12/15-2/28	Closed 0600-1700 for guide wall repairs, 70ft restriction.
Lock 17	309-587-8125	437.1	12/13-3/3	Closed to all navigation. Lock dewatering for repair work
Lock 16	309-537-3191	457.2	12/13-3/4	Closed to all navigation. Contractor install downstream lock bulkhead slots
Lock 15	309-794-5266	482.9	12/13-3/3	Closed to all navigation. Contractor install downstream lock bulkhead slots
OHIO				
Emsworth	412-766-6213	6	6/26-9/22	Open daily 0001-0800, and open alternate wknds same, 80' restriction
Belleville	740-378-6110	203	10/2-12/7	Main chamber closed for repairs, replacing upper miter gate

Meldahl	513-876-2921	436	5/1-9/29	Main chamber closed for repairs, replacing upper miter gate
Markland	859-567-7661	532	3/6-4/26	Tentative Aux chamber closed for repairs
Lock 52	618-564-3151	939	7/17-9/29	Tentative Aux chamber closed intermittently for repairs, may move up 30 days, depending on river stage
TENNESSEE / CUMBERLAND				
Pickwick	731-925-2334	TR206.7	6/13-6/30	Tentative Primary Chamber Closure.
Wilson	256-764-5223	TR259.4	4/17-6/8	Intermittent Closures of 10 hours for 4 days for Primary Chamber and Intermittent Closures of 10 hours for 8 days to clean leak intake screens.
Wilson	256-764-5223	TR259.4	2/6-3/3	Traffic signals out on upper/lower end, no green nav light on lower guide wall
Wilson	256-764-5223	TR259.4	3/1-3-3	10 hour lock closure to drill MK1-4 hole
Kentucky	270-362-4226	TR022.3	2/7-4/30	Deconstruction of Mooring Cell #4 Upper Approach, Repairs to upper boom wall, Installation of trash screens upper approach, 0600-1630, intermittent delays 2/21-4/30, closed to traffic 3/7-4/10
Barkley Lock	270-362-4222	CR030.6	2/21-4/10	Installation of trash screens upper approach. The lock will be closed to traffic from 6:00 am to 4:30 pm daily during the work period.

Current Loading Drafts

Upper/Lower Mississippi		Illinois	
St. Louis to Gulf	1'6" Freeboard	LIQUID above Starved Rock	9'0" Max
		Lemont to Starved Rock	9'3" Max
Missouri		Starved Rock to Gulf	9'6" Max
Brunswick, MO South	9'3" Max	Havana to Gulf	9'6" Max
Ohio		Gulf	
Pittsburgh to South Point	10'0" Max	Gulf N/B to St. Louis	11'6" Max
South Point to Cairo	11'6"	Gulf N/B to Pittsburgh	10'0" Max
		Gulf N/B to Lemont	9'3" Max

US Inland Waterways Weather Report

- Light rain down south tomorrow/Saturday highlights the weather today.
- Showers are expected over the region south of Cairo tomorrow/Saturday with light rain expected.
- A low will move slowly across the Northern Gulf of Mexico on Tuesday/Wednesday bringing moderate to locally heavy rain to the region south of Vicksburg.
- Another front will move slowly through the Upper/Middle Mississippi Valleys on Monday-Wednesday with light/moderate rain expected.

(Source: Bill Frederick USACE)

Today's River Stages

River Area	24 hr Change	Forecast			Flood Stage
		24 hr	48 hr	72 hr	
Hannibal	12.0/-0.1	12.0	12.0	12.1	16
Morris	6.8/+0.3	6.2	6.0	5.9	13
Beardstown	11.1/-0.2	11.0	11.0	10.8	14
St. Louis	8.7/+0.3	8.8	8.7	9.2	30
Chester	11.2/+0.4	11.4	11.5	11.5	27
Cape Girardeau	16.4/-0.1	16.4	16.8	16.9	32
Pittsburgh	16.2/-0.3	16.3	16.4	16.6	25
Cincinnati	34.4/+0.3	32.7	30.6	29.2	52
McAlpine Upr	12.8/+0.1	12.7	12.7	12.7	23
McAlpine Lwr	28.1/+0.6	28.7	26.2	23.2	55
Evansville	23.3/-0.4	23.8	23.9	22.5	42
Paducah	19.6/-1.2	19.3	19.3	19.3	39
Cairo	26.2/-1.1	25.7	25.6	25.5	40
Memphis	12.3/+0.3	12.5	11.9	11.4	34
Little Rock	7.5/+0.1	7.6	7.5	7.4	6.8
Greenville	27.5/+0.7	27.7	27.9	28.1	48
Vicksburg	22.2/nc	22.7	23.1	23.4	43
Natchez	30.1/-0.6	30.2	30.6	30.9	48
Baton Rouge	18.8/-0.9	18.2	17.9	18.0	35

Lock	Vessel Queue	Lock Delay
Marseilles IR245	0	Industry standard is to estimate 1 hour per boat for delays while waiting in lock queue.
Melvin Price UM201	0	
Lock 27 UM185	2	
R C Byrd OR279	3	
Lock 52 OR939	N/A	
Lock 53 OR962	N/A	
Bayou Sorrel PA36	9	
Port Allen LM228	3	
Industrial (IHNC) LM92	11	
Algiers LM88	11	

Quote of the Day

"You've gotta dance like there's nobody watching, love like you'll never be hurt, sing like there's nobody listening, and live like it's heaven on earth."

- William W. Purkey



Fog on the Intracoastal Canal

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