

Hot Topics:

- **Lock 52 Update: Full tows are moving over pass NB and SB**
- **Upper Miss 2017 Navigation Season Closing/ closing dates draw near**
- **Rock Pinnacle work at Thebes could resume on Nov 20**
- **Illinois River closed at mile 218 today until 1700**

NOTEWORTHY NEWS & INDUSTRY ISSUES

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

Lock 52 Update: Tows are moving over pass – Industry is running full tows Northbound and Southbound through the navigation pass at Locks and Dam 52 (Ohio River Mile 938.9) and Olmstead, a helper vessel remains onsite to shadow all vessels through the navigation pass and will be monitoring the radio and taking guidance from the lock operators. There are currently 13 boats in que at the lock, expect this que to be near zero by the morning.

The navigation pass is restricted to approximately 350 ft. to 400 ft. in the center of the pass and is marked by navigation buoys.

Mariners should exercise extreme caution when transiting the navigation pass due to the rock dike causing out draft below the pass.

The Corps has removed a 9' off the top of the old dike, this is as much as they can at the current water levels. They plan to start working on the new dike today. If everything goes according to plan the lock will be operating more efficiently than it has in 20 years.

Lock 4, Allegheny River - The Corp advises that this will be a complete closure (no auxiliary lock). The Lock is to close at 0001 11/6/2017 and remain closed through 11 p.m. 12/22/2017. The lock is located above New Kensington. The cities of Natrona, Freeport, Schenley, and Kittanning PA will be affected by this closure.

Illinois River closed at mile 218 – The river is closed for repairs to the Spring Valley Bridge, it is expected to re-open around 1700.

Mel Price 3 day closure – Will occur in late November/early December, these repairs are to fix the main lock lift gate which was struck in early October.

Rock Pinnacle removal at Thebes, restrictions added (UMR 38-46) – The water levels are expected to reach 15' in Cape G around 11/17-18. Notice going to contractor today to re-mobilize and begin work on 11/20

Work hours will be between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. During work hours, tows may pass, but are restricted to 28 barges northbound and 15 barges southbound respectively. During non-work hours tows may pass unrestricted.

Upcoming delay for Illinois River mi. 83-87, 11/1-11/11 - ILLINOIS RIVER – **This work has finished**

Harvey Lock, LA (Nola Area, LMR 98) - Closure for Repairs EXTENDED through 4 December 2017

Harvey Lock will be closed to navigation 24 hours a day due to dewatering operations, repairs, and maintenance to the lock until approximately 6 November 2017, and updated navigation bulletins will be issued in the event there are changes to the dewatering operations schedule.
MAINTENANCE AT HARVEY LOCK HAVE BEEN EXTENDED UNTIL 4 DECEMBER 2017.

Houston x-Hurricane Harvey (as of 11/3/2017)

Docks in the Houston area are open to navigation with the exception of docks in the Green's Bayou area (There are still 11 submerged or partially submerged barges blocking navigation). Further, there are barges stacked on top of each other. No timeline is given on when this area will open.

Current Flooding Conditions

No major flooding to report

Current Loading Drafts

Upper/Lower Mississippi		Illinois	
St. Paul to Gulf / Davenport to Gulf	9'0" / 9'6" Max	DRY and LIQUID	
St. Louis to Gulf	12'6" Max	Lemont to Starved Rock	9'0" Max
Missouri		Starved Rock - South	9'6" Max
Brunswick, MO South	9'3" Max		
		Gulf	
Ohio		Gulf N/B to Cairo/St. Louis	10'6" Max
Pittsburg SBD	10'0" Max	Gulf N/B to Pittsburgh	10'0" Max
Pt. Pleasant SBD	11'0" Max	Gulf N/B to Illinois/Lemont	9'0" Max

LOCK CLOSURES AND INFORMATION

Lock Name	Phone	Mile Pt	Closure Dates	Notes
GULF and INTRACOASTAL				
Harvey	504-366-4683	98.3	9/6-12/4	Dewatering for repairs, closure extended to 12/4
Bayou Boeuf	985-384-7626	93.3	August/2019	Tentative dewatering closure expected to last 60 days – (changed from 2017)
ILLINOIS WATERWAY				
Starved Rock 2018	815-667-4114	231	2018, Q3/Q4	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. Lockages will be restricted to 80' 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.
Starved Rock 2019 Marseilles Lock 2019	815-667-4114 815-795-2593	231 245	2019, Q4 2019, Q4	Work is for installation of new miter gates, both upper and lower gates will be replaced with vertical framed miter gates. Work to be performed during the day, which will close the lock for 8-10 hours per day. Locking will take place during the remaining hours with an 80' restriction. (Can lock 15 barges tows, just need a tug to assist during lockage). Note: there will be a 15 day total closure during the work.
Illinois River Complete Lock Closures 2020	Multiple Locks		2020 Q3/Q4	Starved Rock and Marseilles: Total Closure , work is dewatering the lock chamber for major maintenance, along with Peoria, should in fact the closure be moved from 2019. Dresden Island and Brandon Road: Closures are for installation of new vertical framed miter gates and will be coordinated the same as the Marseilles and Starved Rock closures in FY2019. LaGrange: This closure would be for Major Rehab and is dependent upon funding. Total funding is \$89 Million and we would need half in 2018 and half in 2019 split 50/50 with IWTF. Peoria: While this 60 day closure is still scheduled for maintenance, the Corps stated they have an 80% confidence that this closure will move to FY2020.
Illinois River Complete Lock Closures 2023	Multiple Locks		2023, Q3/Q4	Brandon Road and Dresden Island: Total closure. Work is dewatering the lock chamber for major maintenance.
UPPER MISSISSIPPI				
Mel Price	636-899-1543	200	3 days late Nov/early Dec	No firm dates yet on this closure, complete repairs from damage resulting from an accident in early Oct
Lock 14	Winter Closure	493	12/12/17 – 3/6/18	Closed for rehabilitation
Lock 16	Winter Closure	457	12/12/17 – 3/6/18	Closed for rehabilitation
Lock 18	Winter Closure	410	12/16/17 -3/6/18	Closed for rehabilitation
Lock 6	Winter Closure	714	12/10/17 – 3/5/18	Closed for rehabilitation
Lock 8	Winter Closure	679	12/10/17 – 3/5/18	Closed for rehabilitation
OHIO				
Belleville	740-378-6110	203	10/16-12/7	Main chamber closed for repairs, replacing upper miter gate, expect 4-8 hours delay
ALLEGHENY RIVER				
Lock 4		24	11/6-12/23	Complete closure, there is no auxiliary lock. The cities of Natrona, Freeport, Schenley, and Kittanning PA will be affected by this closure.
TENNESSEE RIVER				
Wilson Lock	256-764-5223	259	10/16-12/22	Daytime closures from 0600 to 1800 daily to install lower land valve

Inland Waterway Weather Report

Another week of fast moving cold fronts highlights the weather today.

A cold front will move through the watershed tomorrow-Thursday with light to moderate rain/snow predicted during its passage.

Another cold front will move through the watershed Friday/Saturday with light/moderate rain/snow expected.

A third cold front will enter the region on Monday with another round of light/moderate rain/snow predicted.

7day QPF totals (through Monday morning):

¾" or less of rain/snow is forecasted for the region north of Keokuk.

¼" or less of rain is forecasted for the region south of Keokuk.

- Bill Frederick, USACE

Removed wickets from Lock 52



Lock	Vessel Queue / Status	Lock Delay
Lock 15 UM482	0	Estimate 1 hour of delay for each boat in queue
Peoria (IR157), LaGrange (IR80)	2	
Melvin Price UM201	7	
Lock 27 UM185	1	
Belleville OR203	3	
Cannelton OR720	2	
Lock52(OR938), Lock53(OR962)	13	
Bayou Sorrel PA36	0	
Port Allen LM228	2	
Industrial (IHNC) LM92	2	
Algiers LM88	3	

Water Temperatures

Upper Mississippi

Lock 2 (UM 815) – 35

Lock 11 (UM 635) – 36

Lock 20 (UM 342) – 43

Illinois

Dresden (IR 271) - 41

Marseilles (IR 245) - 41

Peoria (IR 158) - 41

River Gauges	Curr/24 hr Change	24 hr>	48 hr>	72 hr>	flood stage
St. Paul	4.3/-0.2	4.3	4.2	4.0	14
Dubuque	10.2/+0.2	10.1	10.0	9.8	17
Hannibal	11.5/+0.1	11.5	11.5	11.4	16
Morris	5.8/+0.3	5.5	5.4	5.3	13
Beardstown	9.8/-0.1	9.8	9.8	9.8	14
St. Louis	7.1/+0.2	7.1	6.9	7.1	30
Chester	9.5/-0.2	9.7	9.7	9.7	27
Cape Girardeau	15.4/-0.1	15.2	15.2	15.1	32
Pittsburgh	16.5/-0.2	16.6	16.6	16.6	25
Cincinnati	30.0/-2.2	29.2	28.6	28.2	52
McAlpine Upr	12.9/+0.3	12.5	12.5	12.5	23
McAlpine Lwr	24.6/-3.6	22.1	20.0	18.2	55
Evansville	26.4/-2.2	21.3	19.1	17.7	42
Paducah	25.9/+0.3	26.5	24.7	21.8	39
Cairo	30.6/+0.4	31.1	30.6	28.6	40
Memphis	14.0/+1.3	14.5	15.0	15.3	34
Little Rock	7.4/-0.1	7.5	7.5	7.5	23
Greenville	24.6/+1.3	25.5	26.9	27.5	48
Vicksburg	18.3/+0.6	18.9	19.9	20.8	43
Natchez	25.1/+0.3	25.3	26.1	27.0	48
Baton Rouge	13.4/+0.3	13.1	13.4	13.8	35
New Orleans	4.6/+0.3	4.1	4.3	4.4	17
RED	at flood stage				
Orange	2' + increase				

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September 29, 2017

Please see the changes noted below: we have moved up some of our final loading dates from points of origin by 3-5 days due to more "low water" navigation delays being added to the inland waterways systems.

(September 14th Amendment>) This letter has been amended since our August 18th communication. Due to lock closures (for winter rehabilitation) now scheduled for Locks #14 (mi. 493, 12/12/17), #16 (mi. 457, 12/12/17), and Lock 18 (mi. 410, 12/16/17) we have adjusted our final planned loading and departure dates for the Clinton-South area. We will now plan to depart 7 days earlier from origin and destination than originally communicated.

In preparation for the closing of the 2017 navigation season for the Upper Mississippi River during the winter months, the following tentative dates should be used for planning purposes.

As operating conditions and weather dictate, these dates may be extended or shortened as the navigation season closes.

The following dates are our Upper Mississippi planned final departure dates:

St. Paul, MN – South (UMR 857-640) <i>(Includes barge traffic for the Minnesota and St Croix Rivers)</i>	Sunday, November 19th
MacGregor/Dubuque – South (UMR 639-521)	Sunday, November 26th
Clinton, IA – South (UMR 520-240)	Sunday, December 3rd

The following dates should be used as final loading dates from points of origin.

Barges loading to destinations between *Dubuque, IA and St. Paul, MN*:

<u>PORT</u>	<u>BARGES TO BE LOADED AND RELEASED BY</u>
Mobile	expired
Houston	expired
New Orleans	expired
Pittsburgh	expired
Huntington	expired
Chicago	expired
Memphis	expired
Owensboro	expired
Cairo	expired
St. Louis	expired

Barges loading to destinations between *Louisiana, MO and Clinton, IA*:

<u>PORT</u>	<u>BARGES TO BE LOADED AND RELEASED BY</u>
Mobile	expired
Houston	expired
New Orleans	expired
Pittsburgh	expired
Huntington	expired
Chicago	expired
Memphis	expired
Owensboro	expired
Cairo	expired
St. Louis	expired

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank You,