

Key Issues

- Reduced tow sizes SB from St. Louis to Gulf by one string (5 barges)
- Industry is tracking Hurricane Florence and the potential impact to the Ohio River
- Calcasieu Lock (WC 238) Closure, 5 boats in queue
- Newburgh Lock: Locking NB tows during daylight today, SB tows daylight tomorrow (55 boats in queue)

RIVER CLOSURES & RESTRICTED MOVEMENTS

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

Ohio/Tennessee/Cumberland

Olmsted (OR 964) and Lock 52 (OR 939):

Traffic is now passing through the Nav Pass at Olmsted.

Newburgh Lock (OR 776) closure—NB tows are being locked during daylight hours today. Tomorrow the lock plans to lock SB tows during daylight hours. Beginning on 6/7 and ending on 10/4, the main chamber will be closed, boats will use the auxiliary chamber. Expect around 24 hours of delay during this time period. **Current queue is 55 boats.**

Dashields Lock (13) primary chamber intermittent closures between 8/13 and 9/14 - The primary chamber will be closed from 06:30 - 16:30 on the following dates: 8/13-17, 8/20-24, 8/27-31, 9/4-7, and 9/10-14. The auxiliary will be in use during this time, but can only lock one barge at a time. Expect 12-24 hour delay each way.

Daylight only SB through Cincinnati (OR 470-480) bridges begins at 45' - River is above 45' and expected stay above 45' until 9/15.

Industry is tracking Hurricane Florence closely, trying to determine the impact it might have on the Ohio river system next week. Here is a link to the NOAA Hurricane page for Florence.
[Hurricane Florence Cone](#)

Chicago/Illinois/Upper Miss

High water on the Upper Miss has reduced our max tow size to 12 barges for the full river

High water between St. Louis and Cairo - Tow size between St. Louis and Cairo has been reduced by one string, 5 barges. Transit through St. Louis harbor is daylight only when the river is above 25'. The river stage in St. Louis is over 25' and expected to stay above 25' until 9/14-15. We also have daylight only transit through the Thebes bridge (UM 44).

Peoria Lock is up and locking. Lagrange's dam is being raised today and they will begin locking tows this evening. No traffic will pass in the Lagrange Lock area (IR080.2) until the lock begins operation this evening.

The Louisiana Mo. Railroad bridge (UM281) is closed today due to a vessel accident. They expect to be back in operation by noon today. No traffic will pass in the railroad bridge area until approximately noon today.

Lower Miss/Gulf/Canals

Reduced tow sizes SB from St. Louis to Gulf by one string (5 barges) - Note the river gauges...the St. Louis is slow to fall and the Lower Mississippi continues to rise. We have reduced tow size by one string (5 barges per tow) in most cases southbound from St. Louis to the Gulf due to safety concerns. Expect an additional 3 days in transit time until stages return to normal.

Bayou Sorrel (PA 36) Closure to Refurbish South Gates - This is a full closure of the Port Allen Canal 7 days a week from 07:00 on 8/31 until approximately 11/30. Boats will use Algiers Lock as the alternate route. This closure has the potential to cause major delays, 18-24 hours in each direction.

Old River Lock (Mouth of the Red River, around LM 304) Delays - Contractors will be working on Old River Lock through 9/22. Boats arriving during working hours (07:00-19:00 daily) will be subject to delays.

Calcasieu Lock (WC 238) Closure—Beginning on July 30, the lock will only be closed Monday-Thursday from 07:00-17:00. The river will be open from Friday-Sunday. This change is an effort to help control the major delays occurring at this lock. Contractors will demolish the south chamber guide wall and start construction of a new guide wall. **The lock will be closed Monday-Thursday from 07:00—17:00 each day. Current queue is 5 boats. At this time, expect ~½ day of delay.**

Special Note - Please be aware, ACBL's standard contract, under the "River Closures and Restricted Movements" section, gives ACBL the right to bill for lock delays.

Current Loading Drafts

Upper/Lower Mississippi		Illinois (Dry and Liquid)	
St. Paul to PDC (UM 635) SBD	9'0" Max	Lemont to Starved Rock (IR 231) SBD	9'3" Max
PDC to Linwood (UM 475) SBD	9'3" Max	Starved Rock to Meredosias (IR 71) SBD	9'4" Max
Linwood to St. Louis SBD	9'6" Max	Meredosias to St. Louis SBD	10'0" Max
Gulf			
St. Louis to Cairo SBD	12'6" Max	Gulf NBD to St. Louis (UM 174)	11'6" Max
Cairo to Gulf SBD	12'6" Max	Gulf NBD to Point Pleasant (OR 266)	10'0" Max
Ohio		Gulf NBD to Hennepin (IR 207)	9'0" Max
Pittsburgh to Bellaire (93) SBD	10'0" Max	Gulf NBD Starved Rock to Lemont	9'0" Max
Bellaire to Cairo SBD	11'6" Max		

Lock Closures and Information

Gulf and Intercoastal				
Lock Name	Phone	Milepoint	Closure Dates	Notes
Bayou Boeuf	985-384-7626	93.3	9/4 - 10/15	Lock will be closed from 9/4 until approximately 10/15 to install gates and make necessary repairs. Boats will use Bayou Chene as the alternate route.
Bayou Boeuf	985-384-7626	93.3	August 2019	Tentative dewatering closure expected to last 60 days
Bayou Sorrel	225-659-7773	36	8/31 - 11/30	Dewater & Refurbish south gates, complete closure, will use Algiers as alternate route
Calcasieu	337-477-1482	238	5/21/18 - 12/1/19	Demolition of south chamber guide wall and construction of new guide wall. Closed M-F from 07:00 - 17:00, as of 7/30 contractor will only work Monday-Thursday
Illinois Waterway				
Lock Name	Phone	Milepoint	Closure Dates	Notes
O'Brien	773-646-2183	327	2018	2-3 36 hour closures, Dates TBA
Starved Rock 2019	815-667-4114	231	June through August 2019	Work is for installation of new miter gates, both upper and lower will be replaced with vertical framed miter gates. Work will be closed during the day for 8-10 hours. Lockings will take place during off hours with an 80' width restriction. Will need a helper boat for 15 barges tows.
Marseilles 2019	815-795-2593	245		
Illinois River Complete Lock Closures 2020	Multiple Locks		June through September 2020	Starved Rock and Marseilles: Total Closure, work is dewatering the lock chamber for major maintenance, 90-120 day closures. Dresden Island and Brandon Road: 90-120 days (105 days of width restriction of 70' with a 15 day total closure) Lagrange and Peoria: 60-120 day closures
Brandon Road 2023	815-744-1714	286	June through August	90 day closures, will be total closures. Work is dewatering the lock chamber for major maintenance
Dresden Island 2023	815-942-0840	271		
Upper Mississippi				
Lock Name	Phone	Milepoint	Closure Dates	Notes
Ohio				
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Dashields	724-457-8430	13	8/13 - 9/14	Primary Chamber will be closed from 06:30-16:30 on the following days, 8/13-17, 8/20-24, 8/27-31, 9/4-7, 9/10-14. The auxiliary will be used during these times, this chamber can only hold one barge at a time
Robert C Byrd	304-576-2272	279	10/3 - 11/3	Primary Chamber - Repair Miter Gates
Newburgh	812-853-8470	776	6/7 - 10/4	Primary Chamber - Miter Gate Pintle Ball Replacement
Arkansas				
Lock Name	Phone	Milepoint	Closure Dates	Notes
Chouteau	918-687-4501	401	9/12-13	Closed from 07:00 - 17:30 both days, full river closure
Toad Suck Ferry	501-327-0853	156	9/19-20	Closed from 06:00 on 9/19 until 18:00 on 9/20 to test new cofferbox
Dardanelle	479-890-4987	205	9/19-20	Closed from 06:00 to 18:00 each day to repair miter gates, full river closure
Dardanelle	479-890-4987	205	10/31 - 11/3	Closed from 07:00 on 10/31 until 07:00 on 11/3
Robert S Kerr	918-775-2091	336	9/10-11 and 9/17-18	Closed from 07:00 - 12:00 each day, full river closure
Cumberland River				
Lock Name	Phone	Milepoint	Closure Dates	Notes
Tennessee River				
Lock Name	Phone	Milepoint	Closure Dates	Notes
Chickamauga	423-875-6230	471	9/25-30	Closed from 07:00 9/25 through 18:00 9/30, full closure

River Stages

River Stages	Milepoint	24 hr Change	Curr	24hr	48hr	72hr	Fld Stg
St. Paul	UM 837	-0.3	4.19	4	3.8	3.7	14
Dubuque	UM 579	-0.52	13.66	13.9	13.1	12.2	17
Morris	IR 265	-0.18	5.09	5	4.9	4.9	13
Beardstown	IR 88	-0.78	9.67	9.5	10.1	10	14
St. Louis	UM 174	-0.78	25.02	24.5	24.1	23.8	30
Chester	UM 107	-0.72	27.57	26.8	26.2	25.6	27
Cape Girardeau	UM 50	-0.39	32.77	32.2	31.5	30.9	32
Pittsburgh	OR 0	-0.34	16.39	16.8	16.7	16.7	25
Cincinnati	OR 480	-0.66	46.61	42.8	35.6	31.5	52
McAlpine Upr	OR 605	0.15	17.56	17.3	16.2	13	23
McAlpine Lwr	OR 606	0.54	44.32	43.9	39.5	31.5	55
Evansville	OR 795	1.25	34.29	34.5	34.6	34.2	42
Paducah	OR 930	0.5	29.31	29.6	30.1	30.6	39
Cairo	OR 976	0.58	39.51	39.7	40	40	40
Memphis	LM 725	2.13	20.55	21.6	22.5	23.1	34
Little Rock	AK 118	-0.02	7.51	7.6	7.5	7.5	23
Greenville	LM 536	3.19	29.16	31.3	33.6	35.3	48
Vicksburg	LM 435	2.69	21.23	23.8	26.7	29	43
Natchez	LM 364	1.5	26.62	28.5	31.5	34.2	48
Baton Rouge	LM 237	0.38	12.8	13.6	15.3	18.1	35
New Orleans	LM 107	0.06	4.06	4.5	4.9	5.1	17
Red	Flood Stage						
Orange	2' +/- change						

Current Lock Delays

Lock	Milepoint	Queue
Lock 25	UM 241	0
Peoria/Lagrange	IR157/IR80	2/0
Melvin Price	UM 201	2
Kentucky Lock	TR 22	2
Montgomery	OR 32	3
Newburgh	OR 776	55
Olmsted	OR 964	0
Calcasieu	WC 238	5
Bayou Sorrel	PA 36	0
Port Allen	LM 228	0
Algiers	LM 88	0
Industrial	LM 92	17

Inland Waterway Weather Report

Another rain event next week up north and Florence highlight the weather today.

- A cold front will move slowly through the Upper Mississippi Valley today-Sunday with light to moderate rain predicted.
- Another cold front will move through the Upper/Middle Mississippi and Ohio Valleys Monday through Thursday with moderate to locally heavy rain predicted. This is the front that will finally lift Florence out of the Carolinas.

7 day QPF totals (through Friday morning):

- 1-5" of rain is forecasted for the region north of Keokuk.
- 1-3" of rain is forecasted for the Middle/Upper Ohio Valleys.
- 1 ½" or less of rain is forecast for the remainder of the region Keokuk-S.

The Climate Prediction Center currently expects (9/19-9/27):

Precipitation:

Above normal precipitation over the entire region.

Temperature:

Above normal to normal temperatures over the entire region.

Bill Frederick, USACE

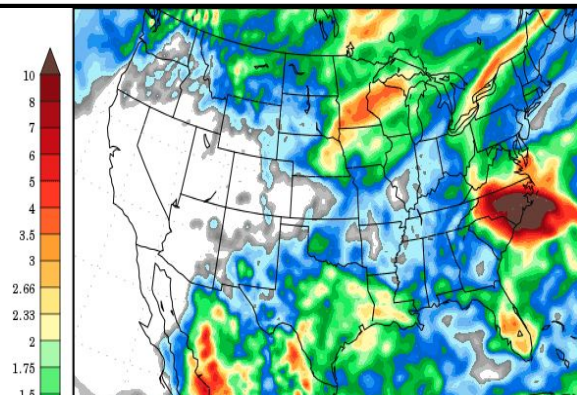
Precipitation Forecast

Precipitation (in) during the period:

Thu, 13 SEP 2018 at 00Z

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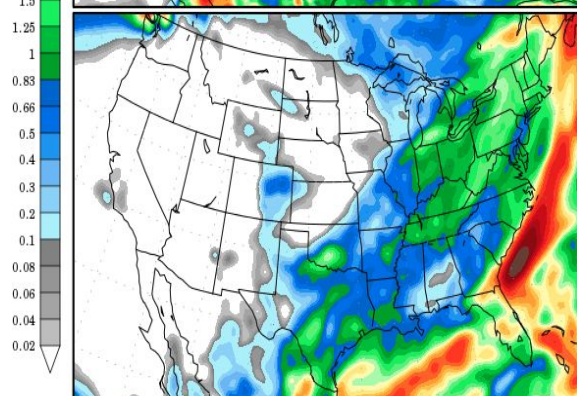
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Sat, 29 SEP 2018 at 00Z



2018 Upper Miss Closeout Letter



1701 East Market Street, Jeffersonville IN 47130-4717

Tuesday, August 21, 2018

In preparation for the closing of the 2018 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 final departure dates:

St. Paul, MN - South (UMR 857-640) <i>(includes barge traffic for the Minnesota and St. Croix Rivers)</i>	Sunday, November 18th
McGregor/Dubuque - South (UMR 639-521)	Sunday, November 25th
Clinton, IA - South (UMR 520-240)	Sunday, December 2 nd

Key anticipated lock closures: Lock 11 (mi. 583) December 4th 2018 through March 12th 2019
Lock 15 (mi. 483) December 11th 2018 through March 5th 2019
Lock 18 (mi. 411) December 11th 2018 through March 5th 2019
Lock 20 (mi. 343) December 15th 2018 through March 5th 2019

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	September 26
Houston	October 3
New Orleans	October 10
Pittsburgh	October 6
Huntington	October 8
Chicago	October 6
Memphis	October 15
Owensboro	October 15
Cairo	October 18
St. Louis	October 20

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

<u>PORT</u>	<u>BARGES TO BE LOADED AND RELEASED BY</u>
Mobile	October 13
Houston	October 20
New Orleans	October 27
Pittsburgh	October 23
Huntington	October 25
Chicago	October 23
Memphis	November 1
Owensboro	November 1
Cairo	November 4
St. Louis	November 6

#waterwaysbuildamerica **PHOTO CONTEST**

August 1, 2018 through October 31, 2018

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We want to see what you see... whether on tow, behind the sticks, from the bank, bridge, or even the porch. From the past, to the present, and into the future, share your view on how our

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For this year's photo contest we would like to expand our view of river activity to include **the four "Cs"** of RiverWorks Discovery®;

Commerce, Culture, Conservation, and Careers.

#waterwaysbuildamerica_commerce • #waterwaysbuildamerica_culture
#waterwaysbuildamerica_conservation • #waterwaysbuildamerica_careers

Snap a photo and apply only one of the four "Cs" hashtag listed above that relate to your photo. Share your photo to [facebook.com/riveroutreach](https://www.facebook.com/riveroutreach) or message us with the following information.

- Hashtag - e.g.; #waterwaysbuildamerica_careers,
- Your name and the name of the towboat, building, or scene from your photo
- Location - where was your photo taken

There will be prizes for first place from each category. Winners will also be announced on WCI, WJ, and RWD social media. Prizes will include a one year subscription to The Waterways Journal (WJ), one year membership to National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium and other accredited AZA institutions across the country, and photo recognition at the Waterways Council Inc., (WCI) Conference and a copy of

"A River of Memories with Captain Charlie Jones," a living legend on the rivers of America!

[riverworksdiscovery.org/calendar-of-events](https://www.riverworksdiscovery.org/calendar-of-events)