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## GULF INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY MORGAN CITY-PORT ALLEN ALTERNATE ROUTE VICINITY OF BAYOU SORREL

The U.S. Coast Guard has received several complaints in the past from local property owners in the Bayou Sorrel area on the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, Morgan City to Port Allen Alternate Route from approximately mile 37 to mile 45.

Property owners are reporting land erosion and bulkhead damage caused by wakes and propeller wash from passing tows. Property owners may seek legal action against vessel owners for causing wake related damage.

Mariners are urged to transit at their slowest safe speed to minimize wake.

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