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**GULF INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY**  
**INNER HARBOR NAVIGATION CANAL LOCK (REISSUE)**

Reference Navigation Bulletin No. 17-123, dated 28 November 2017.

**MARINERS ARE ADVISED THAT THIS POLICY NOTICE FOR THE INNER HARBOR NAVIGATION CANAL (IHNC) LOCK REMAINS IN EFFECT INDEFINITELY.**

Due to the limited mooring space between the Florida Avenue Bridge and the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal Lock, it is required that all tows contact the Lock on VHF marine channel 14 for locking information prior to navigating through the Florida Avenue Bridge.

Towboat Captains are reminded that if a tow has to be broken for locking operations, this shall be done prior to coming through the Florida Avenue Bridge and the barges shall not be left unattended in the canal for any reason. Towboat Captains must use the mooring buoys and tend the wheelhouse at all times.

To prevent bank erosion, Tow Captains are also reminded not to push the head of their tow into the banks on the river or canal end of the lock for any reason while waiting for their locking.

The Lockmaster, Richard McKinzie, can be reached at 504-945-2157. The points of contact with the New Orleans District are Robert Swayze at 504-862-2060, Jesse Adams at 504-862-1061 and Brandon Keck at 504-862-2630.

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