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Carrollton Gauge at 12 Feet on the Rise

As a result of the Carrollton Gauge reading or expected to read 12 feet and rising, the following Algiers Point VTS Special Area Operating requirements are in effect:

1. 33 CFR 165.803 (m) requires stricter barge fleeting standards on the Lower Mississippi River.
2. 33 CFR 165.810 (b)(2) describes high-water requirements for all vessels operating in the Lower Mississippi River below mile 233.9 AHP including South Pass and Southwest Pass.
3. In addition to these requirements, the Algiers Point Vessel Traffic Control lights are energized and vessel traffic is being regulated in the vicinity of Algiers Point. The Vessel Traffic Control lights are located at Governor Nicholls Light, 94.4 AHP, LBD, LMR (LLNR 13630/33185), Gretna Light, 97.6 AHP, RDB, LMR (LLNR 3655/33210) and the Westwego Repeater Light, 101.4 AHP, RDB, LMR (LLNR 13715).
4. **Downbound vessels:** Check in with Vessel Traffic Service Lower Mississippi River (call sign "New Orleans Traffic") no lower than the Huey P Long Bridge, MM 106.1, AHP (SHIPS and TOWS), and the Marlex Terminal, MM 99.0, AHP (SHIPS and TOWS).
5. **Upbound vessels:** Check in with "New Orleans Traffic" no higher than the Algiers Canal Forebay, MM 88.0, AHP (SHIPS), Industrial Canal, MM 92.7, AHP (SHIPS and TOWS), and Crescent Towing Smith Fleet, MM 93.5, AHP (TOWS).
6. In accordance with 33 CFR 160.111 (c), the COTP has determined that during periods of high water, unless moored to a shore side facility or mooring buoys, **all deep draft vessels must have three means to hold position**. An example would be two fully operational anchors and the propulsion system in standby. Should a vessel lose an anchor or become inoperable with no redundant capabilities available, such as aft anchors or two main engines, a third means of holding position could be via tug assist.

Mariners should also familiarize themselves with:

MSIB XV, Issue 13 Vessel Anchoring Capabilities, and
MSIB XV, Issue 19 Requirements for Vessels Operating on ECA Compliant Fuel.

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