



Coast Guard Sector Houston-Galveston Marine Safety Information Bulletin 09-25

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Safety Zone; Beltway 8 Bridge Construction, Houston Ship Channel, Houston, TX

The Captain of the Port (COTP) Houston-Galveston advises mariners that the Harris County Toll Road Authority (HCTRA) and its contractor will commence over-the-water construction of the new Beltway 8 (Sam Houston Tollway Ship Channel Bridge) in Houston, TX.

To ensure safety during construction, the Coast Guard is establishing two temporary safety zones encompassing a 120-yard radius around the following coordinates:

- **North Shore** (outside of the Houston Ship Channel): 29°44.233'N, 95°8.767'W
- **South Shore** (outside of the Houston Ship Channel): 29°44.067'N, 95°8.783'W

Construction on areas outside the navigable channel is scheduled to begin **July 24, 2025**, and continue through **May 2026**. Work over the Houston Ship Channel is projected to begin **May 2026** and finish by **November 2026**.

These safety zones are necessary to protect personnel, vessels, and the marine environment from hazards associated with bridge construction. **Vessel traffic within the Houston Ship Channel will remain open**; the safety zones only apply to areas on the north and south sides outside the channel under the bridge.

The Coast Guard will continue coordinating with HCTRA and its contractor to mitigate navigation impacts. Mariners should monitor for additional guidance via Marine Safety Information Bulletins, Broadcast Notice to Mariners, or other official communications. For questions or concerns, please contact Sector Houston-Galveston Waterways Management at houstonwwm@uscg.mil or call the Command Center at (866) 539-8114.

This bulletin shall remain active until rescinded or superseded by future direction.

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