

Summary of HSC Aids to Navigation (AtoN) Working Group Review

Purpose: Conduct holistic review of all Federal Aids to Navigation (ATON) in the Mississippi River from MM232 in Baton Rouge down to the Sea Buoy in Southwest Pass. Aids were identified for removal or relocation.

Methodology: The river was divided into three regions according to deep draft Pilot Association. NOBRA Pilot President hosted their meeting on 19JAN and covered MM232 through approximately MM95. Crescent Pilots' President held their meeting on 13MAR and it spanned from MM95 Above Head of Passes (HOP) to MM0. Associated (Bar) Pilots' President reviewed their region on 17APR discussing from MM0 down to the Sea Buoy. Each meeting was attended by representation from US Coast Guard Sector New Orleans, District Eight (DPW), USCGC PAMLICO, and either ANT New Orleans and/or ANT Venice. NOAA attended the Crescent & NOBR meetings. Federal Pilots' President attended all gatherings as well as the President of MNSA.

There were overlapping discussions at each meeting to cover several aids either above or below the established boundaries. In all, approximately 255 river miles and 327 ATONs were reported on.

Recommendations: Sector New Orleans Waterways Management Division will utilize stakeholder feedback to submit CG Form 3213 (Federal Aid to Navigation Operation Request) to D8(dpw) to formally recommend discontinuation and/or relocation of agreed-upon AtoN.

A list of Aids to Navigation recommended to be discontinued or relocated are below:

Discontinue:

- 13130 Boothville Anchorage Upper Daybeacon 18.5
- 13460 Myrtle Grove Light 59
- 13655 Lower 12 Mile Point Anchorage Upper Daybeacon 80.8
- 13685 Lower 9 Mile Point Anchorage Upper Daybeacon 85.0
- 13690 Saxonholm Light 86
- 13790 New Orleans General Anchorage Lower Daybeacon 90.1
- 13810 New Orleans General Anchorage Upper Daybeacon 90.5
- 13815 Quarantine Anchorage Lower Daybeacon 90.9
- 13820 Quarantine Anchorage Upper Daybeacon 91.6
- 13835 Inner Harbor Navigation Canal Light 1
- 13850 Governor Nicholls Light 94
- 13855 Governor Nicholls Harbor Traffic Control Light 94
- 13880 Gretna Harbor Traffic Control Light 97
- 13885 Gretna Light 97
- 13950 Westwego Traffic Light
- 14455 Oleander Light 138
- 15395 Upper Baton Rouge Anchorage Upper Daybeacon 231.0

Relocate:

- 13360 Davant Anchorage Lower Daybeacon 52.8
- 13675 Lower 9 Mile Point Anchorage Lower Daybeacon 82.7