Notice to Navigation Interests

Notice No. 12-001  Date: 20 January 2012

Waterway: Chicago Harbor & Chicago River  Location: CHICAGO, IL
Chicago Harbor and River NOAA Charts: 14905, 14926, 14927, & 14928

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CHICAGO HARBOR LOCK 40 FEET WIDTH RESTRICTION EXTENSION
AND LOCK CLOSURE SCHEDULE FOR
THE SECOND PHASE OF LOCK GATE REPAIRS

1. The current Chicago Harbor Lock 40 feet width restriction of Navigation Notice 11-015 is extended to 7 A.M. on 23 February 2012 to begin the second phase of the lock gate repairs.

2. Commencing at 7 A.M. on 23 February 2012 there will be a complete closure of the Chicago Harbor Lock until 7 P.M. on 20 March 2012 to repair the 2 north gates.

3. From 7 P.M. on 20 March 2012 to 7 A.M. on 11 April 2012 the Chicago Harbor Lock will again operate with a 40 feet width restriction. Vessels may also be delayed lockage up to 4 hours when certain repair work is in progress. Mariners are encouraged to contact the lock operator 24/7 by telephone 312-787-4795 to discuss lockage timing.

4. Commencing at 7 A.M. on 11 April 2012 there will be a complete closure of the Chicago Harbor Lock until 7 P.M. on 30 April 2012 to repair the 2 south gates. Commencing at 7 P.M. on 30 April 2012 the lock will re-open and operate with a 40 feet wide width restriction until final testing of the last 2 gates is completed - currently scheduled for 7 P.M. on 1 May 2012.

5. These closures are necessary to complete gate machinery repair work on all four lock gates. Emergency lockages of government vessels will be accommodated whenever possible.

6. The following is a link to Chicago District Notice to Navigation Interests page where all Chicago District active notices are posted.
http://www.lrc.usace.army.mil/co-o/Nav_Notice.htm

7. If you have any comments or questions regarding this notice, you may contact Tim Kroll at tim.kroll@usace.army.mil.

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