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Notice to Navigation Interests

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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 LOW LAKE LEVEL SPECIAL LOCKAGES FALL 2012

1. From 13 October 2012 through 14 November 2012 Chicago Harbor Lock will institute a program of scheduling special lockages to ensure that yacht owners are able to get their vessels to yacht yards for winter storage. Normally when the level of the Chicago River levels exceeds the level of Lake Michigan, such as after a heavy rainfall, lockages are suspended to maintain Lake Michigan water quality. However, as a result of the projected record low levels of Lake Michigan (from prolonged drought and southerly wind conditions) there may be several days this fall when the Chicago River level will be higher than the level of Lake Michigan with no rainfall.
2. During the times when the lock would normally be closed because of high river levels, the Chicago Harbor Lock will operate on a schedule coordinated to accommodate yachts/boats traveling into the Chicago River system for winter storage. During daylight hours, one special lockage will be made each hour on the hour to allow yachts/boats to transit to Chicago River yacht yards. In addition, on scheduled bridge opening days, additional lockages will be allowed to enable all masted vessels awaiting lockage to make the 09:30 am Wednesday and 09:00 am Saturday flotilla start times at the Outer Drive Bridge.
3. The following is a link to Chicago District Notice to Navigation Interests page where all Chicago District notices are posted. http://www.lrc.usace.army.mil/co-o/Nav_Notice.htm
4. If you have any comments or questions regarding this notice, you may contact Tim Kroll in Chicago District Operations at 312-846-5484 or tim.kroll@usace.army.mil.

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