St. Louis District
Navigation Channel Condition Status Report - February 04, 2026

US Army Corps of Engineers
St. Louis District

Lock and Dam 22
TW Current = 6.5 ft.
TW 1 Wk Forecast = 6.2 ft.
TW 2 Wk Forecast = 6.0 ft.

CHANNEL CONDITION- L&D 24
Due to ice conditions on the Mississippi River, tows will be limited to 105-ft wide and the use of ice couplings is required at Lock and Dam 24. Mariners may contact the Lockmaster via VHF-FM Channel 12, or at (573) 242-3524, for further information.

Lock and Dam 24
TW Current = 15.9 ft.
TW 1 Wk Forecast = 15.3 ft.
TW 2 Wk Forecast = 15.0 ft.

CHANNEL CONDITION- L&D 25
Due to ice conditions on the Mississippi River, tows will be limited to 105-ft wide and the use of ice couplings is required at Lock and Dam 25. Mariners may contact the Lockmaster via VHF-FM Channel 12, or at (636) 566-8120, for further information.

Lock and Dam 25
TW Current = 16.0 ft.
TW 1 Wk Forecast = 15.3 ft.
TW 2 Wk Forecast = 15.1 ft.

RM 241.4 - TRANSIT ADVISORY
~Effectively immediately and until further notice, vessels will be required to use an assist vessel as to not land on the damaged DS L&D protection cell northbound or create excess wheel wash when exiting the lock southbound.

~USACE contractor Massman Const. will commence on a new 50-foot diameter guide cell downstream of L&D 25, approx. 340 ft DS of the existing guide wall, until 10/2026. Mariners should be on the lookout for construction activities working in the area. All navigation interest should be alert for, and abide by, any special instructions that may be issued by the Lockmaster.

Mel Price Locks and Dam
TW Current = 2.7 ft.
TW 1 Wk Forecast = 1.9 ft.

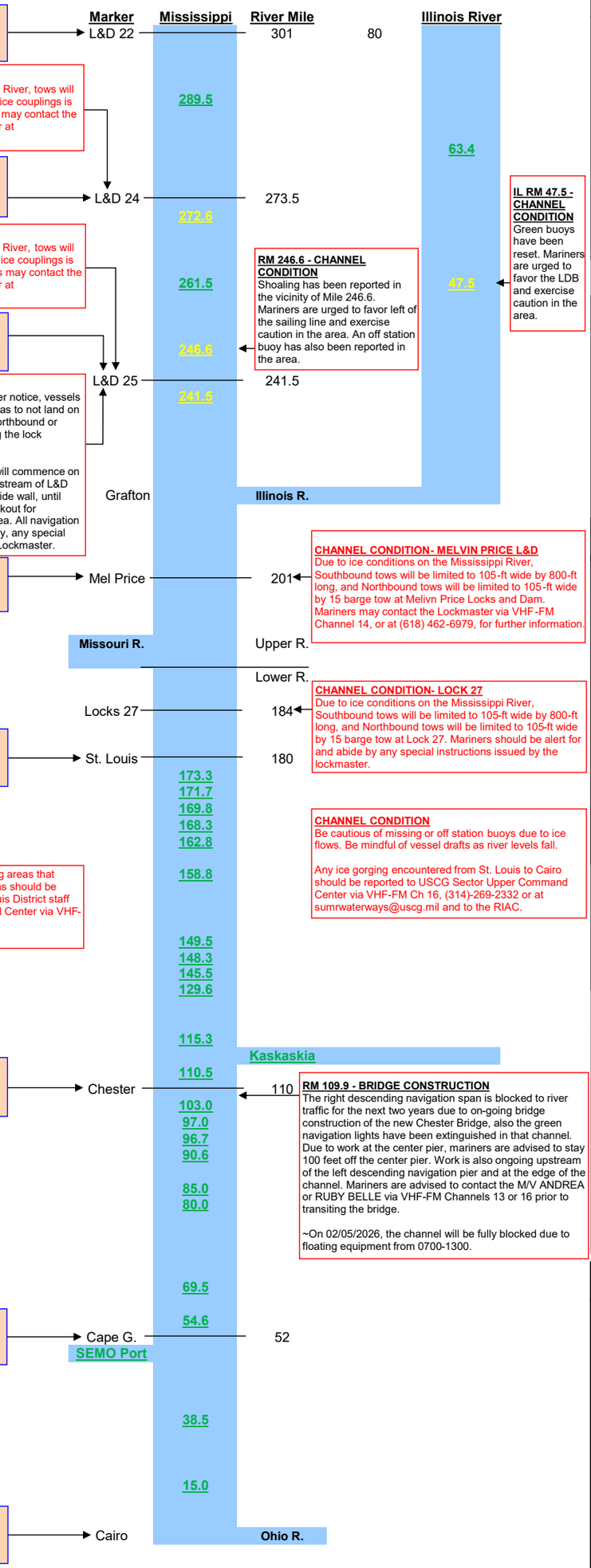
St. Louis
Gage = -2.0 ft.
Stage 1 Wk Forecast = -3.7 ft.
Stage 2 Wk Forecast = -4.7 ft.

Mariners should be watchful for shoaling areas that could become problematic. These areas should be reported immediately to USACE St. Louis District staff and the USCG Sector Upper Command Center via VHF-FM Ch 16, (314)-269-2332 or at sumrwaterways@uscg.mil.

Chester
Gage = 1.3 ft.
Stage 1 Wk Forecast = -1.2 ft.
Stage 2 Wk Forecast = -2.1 ft.

Cape Girardeau
Gage = 7.4 ft.
Stage 1 Wk Forecast = 5.3 ft.
Stage 2 Wk Forecast = 4.6 ft.

Cairo
Gage = 13.1 ft.
Stage 1 Wk Forecast = 8.4 ft.
Stage 2 Wk Forecast = 10.0 ft.



Dredge Status:

Dredge Potter: Currently dockside at the service base.

Dredge Goetz: Out of District.

Mechanical Dredge - Pathfinder: Demobilized.

Channel Marker Status:

Be aware that there may be other buoys off station/missing than the ones mentioned in this report. Mariners should use caution. For ATON or Buoy issues please contact or 319-520-8556 SUMRWaterways@uscg.mil.

Pathfinder: Dockside due to ice conditions on the Lower Mississippi River. Working at Lock 27 next week.

Additional Risks / Concerns

Controlling Depths:
St. Louis-Herculaneum (RM 185-152) Mile 162.8: Fines Bluff (LWRP -3.2 @ STL) 9-ft at St. Louis gage of -5.6.

Herculaneum-Grand Tower (RM152-80) Mile 96.7: Wagner/ Roman Landing (LWRP -0.4 @ Chester) 9-ft at Chester gage of -2.8.

Grand Tower-Cairo (RM 80-0) Mile 38.5: Commerce (LWRP 5.4 @ Cape Girardeau) 9-ft at Cape Girardeau gage of 3.1.

Navigation Notices

Local Notice to Mariners

Weather

Highs from the upper 50s to the mid 30s, lows from the upper 30s to the mid 20s. Slight chance of rain on Tuesday.

Hannibal, MO
St. Louis, MO
Cape Girardeau, MO
Cairo, IL

Web Information

For additional River Training Structure information, see the links below:

Current Construction
Recently Completed Construction

For open Regulatory Public Notices, See the link below:

Regulatory Public Notices

For the most recent channel patrol and pre or post dredge surveys, see the links below:

Channel Patrol Surveys
Dredge Surveys

Electronic Navigation charts for the Upper Mississippi River are available online for download or to order at the below link:

Electronic Charts

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Key:

- Current Construction Location
- Anticipated Dredging Locations
- Groundings
- Mechanical
- Dredge Potter
- Dredge Goetz
- Dredge Bill Holman
- Dredge Hurley
- Very Likely to be Problematic at Low Water
- Could be Problematic at Low Water
- Problem Resolved/Not Problematic

Probable Dredge Areas (9 ft DEPTH)

River Mile	Problematic On:	Dredge ETA	Dredge Complete	Dredge

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