St. Louis District
Navigation Channel Condition Status Report - May 13, 2026

US Army Corps of Engineers
St. Louis District

Lock and Dam 22
TW Current = 10.0 ft.
TW 1 Wk Forecast = 7.0 ft.
TW 2 Wk Forecast = 6.1 ft.

Lock and Dam 24
TW Current = 20.9 ft.
TW 1 Wk Forecast = 18.0 ft.
TW 2 Wk Forecast = 16.9 ft.

RM 273.4 - L/D 24 CONSTRUCTION
Until further notice, construction activities are being conducted on the Dam at L/D 24, at RM 273.4. Tainter gate 1 will not be operational and Tainter gate 2 may be potentially closed as well. There is potential for stronger than normal outdraft conditions at the lower end of the lock. Mariners may contact the Lockmaster via VHF-FM Channel 12, or at (573) 242-3524, for further information.

Lock and Dam 25
TW Current = 21.1 ft.
TW 1 Wk Forecast = 18.1 ft.
TW 2 Wk Forecast = 17.1 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 be constructing 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. Mariners may contact the Lockmaster via VHF-FM Ch 14 or at 636-566-8120 for further information.

Mel Price Locks and Dam
TW Current = 11.7 ft.
TW 1 Wk Forecast = 7.9 ft.

RM 201 - CHANNEL CONDITION
See RIAC's 5/13/26 recommendation for southbound Mel Price Lock approach recommendations.

St. Louis
Gage = 14.9 ft.
Stage 1 Wk Forecast = 11.0 ft.
Stage 2 Wk Forecast = 7.1 ft.

Chester
Gage = 18.8 ft.
Stage 1 Wk Forecast = 14.5 ft.
Stage 2 Wk Forecast = 11.2 ft.

Cape Girardeau
Gage = 24.2 ft.
Stage 1 Wk Forecast = 19.9 ft.
Stage 2 Wk Forecast = 15.8 ft.

Cairo
Gage = 27.0 ft.
Stage 1 Wk Forecast = 20.6 ft.
Stage 2 Wk Forecast = 16.0 ft.

Marker	Mississippi	River Mile		Illinois River
L&D 22		301	80	
L&D 24		273.5		
	246.6			
L&D 25		241.5		
	220.6			
Grafton	218.0			Illinois R.
	217.5			
	207.0			
Mel Price		201		
Missouri R.		Upper R.		
		Lower R.		
Locks 27		184		
St. Louis		180		
		Kaskaskia		
Chester		110		
Cape G.		52		
SEMO Port				
Cairo				
		Ohio R.		

RM 246.6 - CHANNEL CONDITION
Shoaling has been reported in the vicinity of Mile 246.6. Mariners are urged to favor left of the sailing line and exercise caution in the area.

RM 220.6 - CHANNEL CONDITION
Shoaling has been reported in the vicinity of Mile 220.6. Mariners are urged to favor the green buoys and exercise caution in the area.

RM 217.5 - CHANNEL CONDITION
A recent survey shows a right bank shoal from UMR 217.7 to 217.4 extending 130-ft left of the existing sailing line. USACE Pathfinder reset buoys on Monday, 11 May. Additionally, AIS-ATONS are broadcasting marking the current navigable channel. See latest survey. Mariners are urged to exercise caution.

RM 204.3 R- AID TO NAVIGATION
The Commodore Meyer Light at RM 204.3 R, a Private Aid to Navigation, is currently out of operation. Mariners are advised to transit the area with caution at night and during periods of reduced visibility.

RMs 195-150 - CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES
Luhr Brothers, Inc., is conducting construction activities between RMs 195 and 150, currently at RM 161, then moving to RM 158 next. The M/V MEGAN DAWN and MV SHERYL will be on-scene and monitoring VHF-FM Channels 13, 16 and 72. Mariners are urged to transit with caution.

RM 109.9 - BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION
The right descending navigation span is blocked to river traffic for the next two years due to on-going bridge construction of the new Chester Bridge, also the green navigation lights have been extinguished in that channel. Due to work at the center pier, mariners are advised to stay 100 feet off the center pier. Work is also ongoing upstream of the left descending navigation pier and at the edge of the channel. Mariners are advised to contact the M/V ANDREA or RUBY BELLE via VHF-FM Channels 13 or 16 prior to transiting the bridge. Watch for notifications on upcoming closures.

Dredge Status:

Dredge Potter: Is demobilized and is performing maintenance activities.

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: Currently conducting an upper river buoy patrol, then dockside next week.

Additional Risks / Concerns

Navigation Notices

Local Notice to Mariners

Weather

Highs from the lower 90s to the mid 70s, lows from the lower 70s to the mid 50s. Chance of rain to the North Thursday - Saturday.

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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