



US Army Corps of Engineers
St. Louis District

St. Louis District Navigation Channel Condition Status Report - March 18, 2026

Lock and Dam 22
TW Current = 10.2 ft.
TW 1 Wk Forecast = 8.7 ft.
TW 2 Wk Forecast = 6.4 ft.

Marker **Mississippi** **River Mile** **Illinois River**

Lock and Dam 24
TW Current = 20.6 ft.
TW 1 Wk Forecast = 19.4 ft.
TW 2 Wk Forecast = 17.1 ft.

LOCK AND DAM 24 AND 25- SECURITY NOTICE
Effective immediately and until further notice, due to security requirements at St. Louis District Locks 24 and 25, TWIC cards will be checked for all industry personnel during crew changes. All navigation should be alert for, and abide by, any special instructions that may be issued by the Lockmaster.

Lock and Dam 25
TW Current = 20.6 ft.
TW 1 Wk Forecast = 19.1 ft.
TW 2 Wk Forecast = 16.5 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. has begun removal of the damaged protection cell. For safe and efficient removal, LD 25 will be closed from 0600 to 1800 on the following days: 3/23, 25, 27

~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.

Mel Price Locks and Dam
TW Current = 10.6 ft.
TW 1 Wk Forecast = 8.2 ft.

Missouri R. Upper R.
Lower R.

St. Louis
Gage = 12.8 ft.
Stage 1 Wk Forecast = 9.5 ft.
Stage 2 Wk Forecast = 6.1 ft.

Locks 27 184
St. Louis 180

Chester
Gage = 17.0 ft.
Stage 1 Wk Forecast = 13.2 ft.
Stage 2 Wk Forecast = 12.8 ft.

Kaskaskia

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.

Cape Girardeau
Gage = 23.0 ft.
Stage 1 Wk Forecast = 18.6 ft.
Stage 2 Wk Forecast = 17.0 ft.

Cape G. 52

Cairo
Gage = 36.3 ft.
Stage 1 Wk Forecast = 26.0 ft.
Stage 2 Wk Forecast = 18.8 ft.

Ohio R.

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: Conducting an IL River channel patrol this week and will be dockside next week performing maintenance.

Additional Risks / Concerns

Navigation Notices

Local Notice to Mariners

Weather

Highs from the lower 80s to the lower 50s, lows from the upper 50s to the mid 30s. Chance of rain Tues..

- 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:	Probable Dredge Areas (9 ft DEPTH)				
	River Mile	Problematic On:	Dredge ETA	Dredge Complete	Dredge
⊕ Current Construction Location					
◆ Anticipated Dredging Locations					
☆ Groundings					
△ Dredge Potter					
▽ Dredge Bill Holman					
⊗ Mechanical					
○ Dredge Goetz					
⊠ Dredge Hurley					
Very Likely to be Problematic at Low Water					
Could be Problematic at Low Water					
Problem Resolved/Not Problematic					
Please email comments or suggestions to dawn.lamm@usace.army.mil					