



**US Army Corps of Engineers**  
St. Louis District

## St. Louis District Navigation Channel Condition Status Report - December 10, 2025

**Lock and Dam 22**  
TW Current = 4.0 ft.  
TW 1 Wk Forecast = 3.7 ft.  
TW 2 Wk Forecast = 3.6 ft.

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

**Lock and Dam 24**  
TW Current = 13.7 ft.  
TW 1 Wk Forecast = 12.8 ft.  
TW 2 Wk Forecast = 12.7 ft.

L&D 24      273.5

**Lock and Dam 25**  
TW Current = 13.8 ft.  
TW 1 Wk Forecast = 12.9 ft.  
TW 2 Wk Forecast = 12.8 ft.

L&D 25      241.5

**RM 241.4 - TRANSIT ADVISORY & CONSTRUCTION CLOSURES**  
-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. Lock 25 will be closed from 0800 to 1600 hours on 12 and 15 Dec. 2025 for construction related activities. All navigation interest should be alert for, and abide by, any special instructions that may be issued by the Lockmaster.

**IL RM 47.5 - CHANNEL CONDITION**  
Shoaling has been reported in the vicinity of RM 47.5 and AIS-Atons are being broadcasted. Mariners are urged to favor the LDB and exercise caution in the area.

**Mel Price Locks and Dam**  
TW Current = 2.3 ft.  
TW 1 Wk Forecast = 1.5 ft.  
TW 2 Wk Forecast = 1.3 ft.

Mel Price      201

**Missouri R.**      Upper R.  
Lower R.

Locks 27      184

**St. Louis**  
Gage = -2.3 ft.  
Stage 1 Wk Forecast = -3.8 ft.  
Stage 2 Wk Forecast = -4.0 ft.

St. Louis      180

289.5  
272.6  
261.5  
241.5  
201  
184  
180  
173.3  
171.7  
169.8  
159.8  
158.8  
149.5  
148.3  
145.5  
129.6  
115.3  
110.5  
103.0  
97.0  
90.6  
85.0  
80.0  
69.5  
54.6  
15.0

**RM 156.5 - DREDGE OPERATION**  
The Dredge POTTER is dredging at RM 156.5 starting on 12/11, then moving to RM 158.8 on 12/14. Work will be conducted 24/7. Mariners should be on the lookout for tender boats, barges, small survey boats, and pipeline when transiting the dredge area. Dredge POTTER will monitor VHF-FM Channel 13 or 16 and requests 30-minutes advance notice of passage. Mariners are urged to transit the area at their slowest safe speed and proceed with caution after passing arrangements have been made.

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

**Chester**  
Gage = 0.8 ft.  
Stage 1 Wk Forecast = -0.9 ft.  
Stage 2 Wk Forecast = -1.2 ft.

Chester      110

**RM 109.9 - BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION / CHANNEL CLOSURES**  
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.  
  
-On 12/11/25 and 12/12/2025 the channel will be closed to Southbound traffic, Northbound traffic may proceed through the 540' temp. channel from LD pier of the main channel from 0700-1300.  
  
-On 12/16/25 the channel will be closed to Southbound traffic while Northbound traffic will have 540' channel from LD pier from 0700-1300.

**RM 90.6 - CHANNEL CONDITION**  
Three green buoys have been reset and the sailing line has been modified and updated in the IENC.

**Cape Girardeau**  
Gage = 6.9 ft.  
Stage 1 Wk Forecast = 5.5 ft.  
Stage 2 Wk Forecast = 5.1 ft.

Cape G.      52

**SEMO Port**

**RM 15 - CHANNEL CONDITION**  
Shoaling has been reported in the center of the channel. New survey is linked.

**Cairo**  
Gage = 10.5 ft.  
Stage 1 Wk Forecast = 7.5 ft.  
Stage 2 Wk Forecast = 7.2 ft.

Cairo      Ohio R.

**Kaskaskia**

**Dredge Status:**  
  
**Dredge Potter:** Dredging at RM 156.5 until 12/13, then moving to RM 158.8, RM 169.9 and RM 15.0.  
  
**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 running an upper river Channel Patrol and will run the Illinois River this weekend. A lower river Channel Patrol is then scheduled for next week.

**Additional Risks / Concerns**  
  
**Controlling Depths:**  
**St. Louis-Herculaneum (RM 185-152)**  
**Mile 158.8: Kimmswick, (LWRP -3.2 @ STL) 9-ft at St. Louis gage of -3.2.**  
  
**Herculaneum-Grand Tower (RM152-80)**  
**Mile 145.5: Michaels Towhead (LWRP -0.4 @ Chester) 9-ft at Chester gage of -1.2.**  
  
**Grand Tower-Cairo (RM 80-0)**  
**Mile 15.0: Scudders (LWRP 5.4 @ Cape Girardeau) 9-ft at Cape Girardeau gage of 8.5.**

**Navigation Notices**

**Local Notice to Mariners**

**Weather**  
  
Highs from the upper 40s to the upper teens, lows from the mid 30s to the mid teens. Slight chance of rain/snow Monday.

- 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	⋈	Mechanical
⬠	Anticipated Dredging Locations	⊙	Dredge Goetz
★	Groundings	⊖	Dredge Hurley
△	Dredge Potter		
▽	Dredge Bill Holman		

Probable Dredge Areas (9 ft DEPTH)					
River Mile	Problematic On:	Dredge ETA	Dredge Complete	Dredge	
156.5	14 Days	11-Dec	13-Dec	Potter	
158.8	14 Days	14-Dec	14-Dec	Potter	
169.8	14 Days	15-Dec	15-Dec	Potter	
15.0	7 Days	16-Dec	18-Dec	Potter	

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