St. Louis District
Navigation Channel Condition Status Report - August 05, 2026

US Army Corps of Engineers
St. Louis District

Lock and Dam 22
TW Current = 6.6 ft.
TW 1 Wk Forecast = 5.1 ft.
TW 2 Wk Forecast = 4.7 ft.

RM 273.4 - L/D 24 CONSTRUCTION
Until further notice, construction activities around pier replacement are ongoing. Exercise caution for changing flow conditions.

Lock and Dam 24
TW Current = 16.5 ft.
TW 1 Wk Forecast = 15.2 ft.
TW 2 Wk Forecast = 14.5 ft.

RM 255.0 - CH. CONDITION
A RDB shoal exists and the buoys have been adjusted. Broadcasting four green AIS-ATONS. The sailing line has been updated in the charts.

Lock and Dam 25
TW Current = 16.1 ft.
TW 1 Wk Forecast = 15.1 ft.
TW 2 Wk Forecast = 14.3 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.
~Lock 25 will be closed from 0700 to 1900 on Aug 6 and Aug 10 - 19 to work to rebuild the protection cell.

Mel Price Locks and Dam
TW Current = 5.9 ft.
TW 1 Wk Forecast = 5.5 ft.
TW 2 Wk Forecast = 4.3 ft.

St. Louis
Gage = 5.1 ft.
Stage 1 Wk Forecast = 3.9 ft.
Stage 2 Wk Forecast = 1.7 ft.

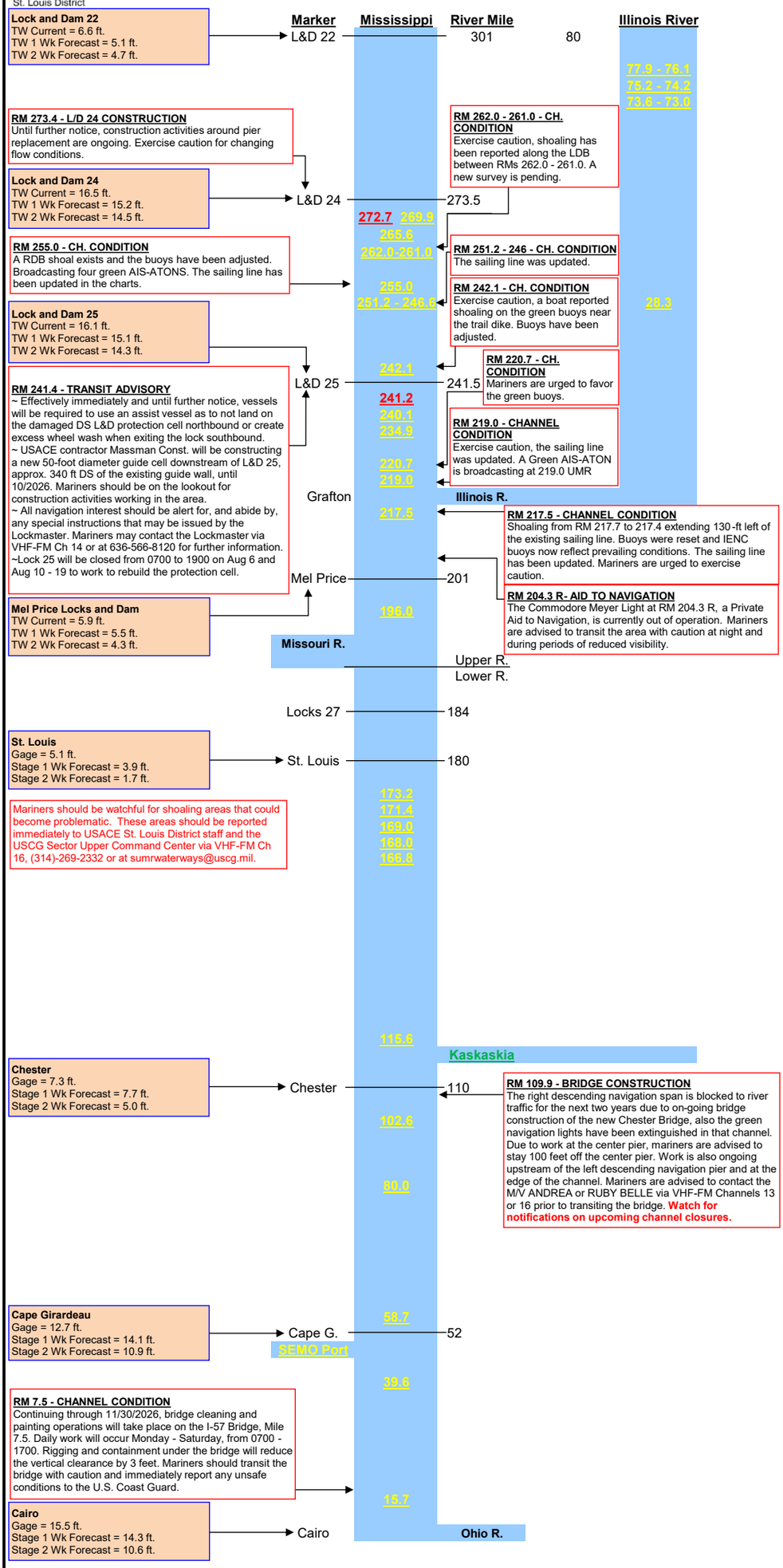
Mariners should be watchful for shoaling areas that could become problematic. These areas should be reported immediately to USACE St. Louis District staff and the USCG Sector Upper Command Center via VHF-FM Ch 16, (314)-269-2332 or at sumrwaterways@uscg.mil.

Chester
Gage = 7.3 ft.
Stage 1 Wk Forecast = 7.7 ft.
Stage 2 Wk Forecast = 5.0 ft.

Cape Girardeau
Gage = 12.7 ft.
Stage 1 Wk Forecast = 14.1 ft.
Stage 2 Wk Forecast = 10.9 ft.

RM 7.5 - CHANNEL CONDITION
Continuing through 11/30/2026, bridge cleaning and painting operations will take place on the I-57 Bridge, Mile 7.5. Daily work will occur Monday - Saturday, from 0700 - 1700. Rigging and containment under the bridge will reduce the vertical clearance by 3 feet. Mariners should transit the bridge with caution and immediately report any unsafe conditions to the U.S. Coast Guard.

Cairo
Gage = 15.5 ft.
Stage 1 Wk Forecast = 14.3 ft.
Stage 2 Wk Forecast = 10.6 ft.



Dredge Status:

Dredge Potter: Drydock.

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: Running an upper river channel patrol this week.

Additional Risks / Concerns

Controlling Depths:
St. Louis-Herculaneum (RM 185-152) Mile 166.8: Cliff Cave, (LWRP -3.2 @ STL) 9-ft at St. Louis gage of -0.5.

Navigation Notices

Local Notice to Mariners

Weather

Highs from the lower 90s to the upper 80s, lows from the mid 70s to the lower 70s. Raining tonight - Friday.

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
- 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

Probable Dredge Areas (9 ft DEPTH)

River Mile	Problematic On:	Dredge ETA	Dredge Complete	Dredge
Lock 24 TW		12-Aug	14-Aug	Goetz
Lock 25 TW		15-Aug	20-Aug	Goetz
SEMO Port		1-Sep	5-Sep	Bill Holman

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