St. Louis District
Navigation Channel Condition Status Report - April 22, 2026

US Army Corps of Engineers
St. Louis District

Lock and Dam 22
TW Current = 17.9 ft.
TW 1 Wk Forecast = 16.0 ft.
TW 2 Wk Forecast = 14.1 ft.

Marker: L&D 22 | Mississippi River Mile: 301 | 80 | Illinois River

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 24
TW Current = 28.4 ft.
TW 1 Wk Forecast = 26.6 ft.
TW 2 Wk Forecast = 24.1 ft.

L&D 24 — 273.5

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.

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.

Lock and Dam 25
TW Current = 28.4 ft.
TW 1 Wk Forecast = 26.7 ft.
TW 2 Wk Forecast = 24.2 ft.

246.6

L&D 25 — 241.5

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.

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.

220.6
Grafton — 218.0
Illinois R.

207.0

Mel Price — 201

Mel Price Locks and Dam
TW Current = 20.2 ft.
TW 1 Wk Forecast = 16.8 ft.

Missouri R.
Upper R.
Lower R.

Locks 27 — 184

St. Louis
Gage = 25.1 ft.
Stage 1 Wk Forecast = 20.9 ft.
Stage 2 Wk Forecast = 17.8 ft.

St. Louis — 180

UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER - CHANNEL CONDITIONS/SAFETY ADVISORY
Due to high water the Mississippi River between RMs 109.9 - 185.4 is in a high water watch phase in accordance with the Western River WAP Annex. Down streaming operations are not recommended unless the vessel is equal to or greater than 75' in length and the vessel has a minimum of 1800 horsepower. Towboat operators should use caution, minimize wake, and be experienced in high water operations. Mariners should remain vigilant to an increase in debris and maneuver appropriately. Be aware that a build-up of debris in fleeting areas may have occurred and take appropriate action to prevent any breakaways from occurring. Use caution in passing and be mindful of all charted bridge navigational clearances. Buoys may have been dragged off station so remain cautious while transiting.

RM 167.0 - CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES
Luhr Brothers, Inc., is currently conducting construction activities at RM 167. 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.

Kaskaskia

Chester
Gage = 27.7 ft.
Stage 1 Wk Forecast = 24.4 ft.
Stage 2 Wk Forecast = 21.1 ft.

Chester — 110

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 = 31.3 ft.
Stage 1 Wk Forecast = 28.5 ft.
Stage 2 Wk Forecast = 25.5 ft.

Cape G. — 52
SEMO Port

UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER - CHANNEL CONDITIONS/SAFETY ADVISORY
Due to high water, U.S. Coast Guard Sector, Upper Mississippi River has issued a Safety Advisory for the Upper Mississippi River between in the vicinity of Grays Point at RM 47.0 and the Thebes R/R bridge at RM 43.2. Mariners are urged to transit with caution due to the hazardous conditions associated with strong currents, increased drift, and severe outdrafts. Mariners are advised to consider horsepower capability and tow size. Fleet operators should regularly check their fleets and immediately report barge break-aways to the U.S. Coast Guard.

Cairo
Gage = 28.7 ft.
Stage 1 Wk Forecast = 26.3 ft.
Stage 2 Wk Forecast = 22.0 ft.

Cairo
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: Dockside.

Additional Risks / Concerns

Navigation Notices

Local Notice to Mariners

Weather

Highs from the lower 80s to the lower 70s, lows from the lower 60s to the lower 50s. Rain Friday with additional storms Monday through 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

More Status Reports

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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

Please email comments or suggestions to dawn.lamm@usace.army.mil

Probable Dredge Areas (9 ft DEPTH)

River Mile	Problematic On:	Dredge ETA	Dredge Complete	Dredge