



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

## St. Louis District Navigation Channel Condition Status Report - January 28, 2026

**Lock and Dam 22**  
TW Current = 6.3 ft.  
TW 1 Wk Forecast = 6.0 ft.  
TW 2 Wk Forecast = 5.7 ft.

**CHANNEL CONDITION- L&D 24**  
Due to ice conditions on the Mississippi River, tows will be limited to 105-ft wide and the use of ice couplings is required at Lock and Dam 24. Mariners may contact the Lockmaster via VHF-FM Channel 12, or at (573) 242-3524, for further information.

**Lock and Dam 24**  
TW Current = 16.1 ft.  
TW 1 Wk Forecast = 15.5 ft.  
TW 2 Wk Forecast = 15.2 ft.

**CHANNEL CONDITION- L&D 25**  
Due to ice conditions on the Mississippi River, tows will be limited to 105-ft wide and the use of ice couplings is required at Lock and Dam 25. Mariners may contact the Lockmaster via VHF-FM Channel 12, or at (636) 566-8120, for further information.

**Lock and Dam 25**  
TW Current = 15.8 ft.  
TW 1 Wk Forecast = 15.7 ft.  
TW 2 Wk Forecast = 15.3 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 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. 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 = 3.0 ft.  
TW 1 Wk Forecast = 1.9 ft.  
TW 2 Wk Forecast = 1.7 ft.

**St. Louis**  
Gage = -1.5 ft.  
Stage 1 Wk Forecast = -3.7 ft.  
Stage 2 Wk Forecast = -4.3 ft.

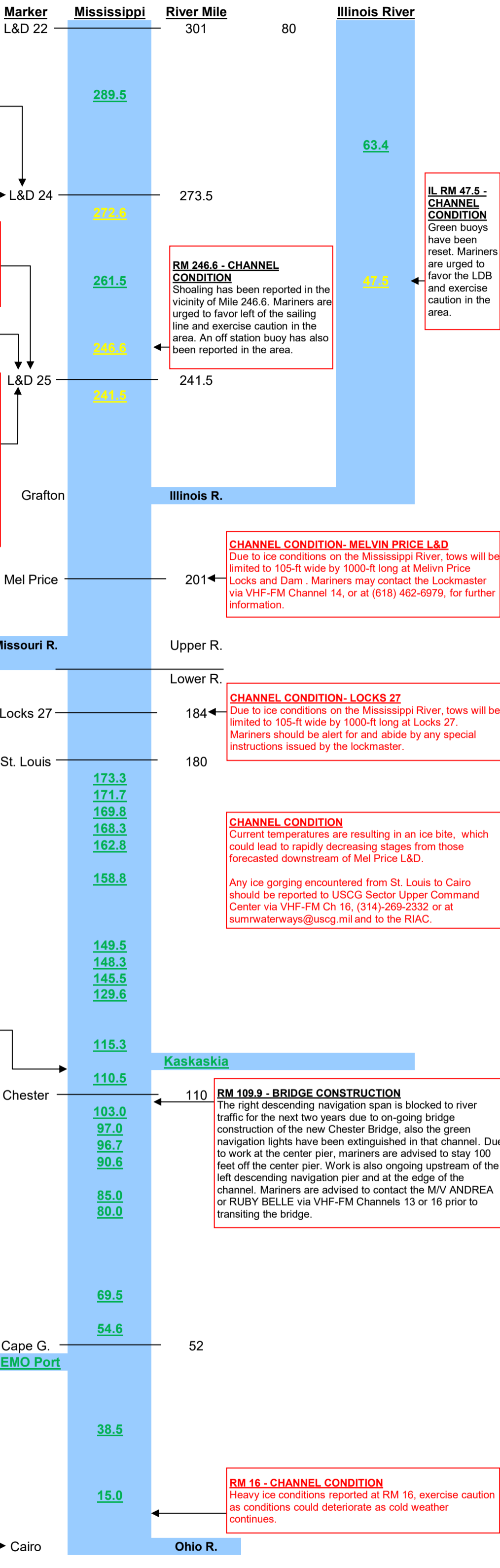
Mariners should be watchful for shoaling areas that could become problematic. These areas should be reported immediately to USACE St. Louis District staff and the USCG Sector Upper Command Center via VHF-FM Ch 16, (314)-269-2332 or at [sumrwaterways@uscg.mil](mailto:sumrwaterways@uscg.mil).

**RM 112 - CHANNEL CONDITION**  
Heavy ice conditions reported at RM 112, exercise caution as conditions could deteriorate as cold weather continues.

**Chester**  
Gage = 0.2 ft.  
Stage 1 Wk Forecast = -0.8 ft.  
Stage 2 Wk Forecast = -1.8 ft.

**Cape Girardeau**  
Gage = 5.9 ft.  
Stage 1 Wk Forecast = 5.5 ft.  
Stage 2 Wk Forecast = 4.5 ft.

**Cairo**  
Gage = 14.5 ft.  
Stage 1 Wk Forecast = 14.5 ft.  
Stage 2 Wk Forecast = 12.7 ft.



**Dredge Status:**  
**Dredge Potter:** Currently dockside at the service base.  
**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](mailto:SUMRWaterways@uscg.mil).  
**Pathfinder:** Dockside due to ice conditions on the Lower Mississippi River. A lower river channel patrol will be performed once ice conditions improve.

**Additional Risks / Concerns**  
**Controlling Depths:**  
**St. Louis-Herculeum (RM 185-152) Mile 162.8: Fines Bluff (LWRP -3.2 @ STL) 9-ft at St. Louis gage of -5.6.**  
**Herculeum-Grand Tower (RM152-80) Mile 96.7: Wagner/ Roman Landing (LWRP -0.4 @ Chester) 9-ft at Chester gage of -2.8.**  
**Grand Tower-Cairo (RM 80-0) Mile 38.5: Commerce (LWRP 5.4 @ Cape Girardeau) 9-ft at Cape Girardeau gage of 3.1.**

**Navigation Notices**

**Local Notice to Mariners**

**Weather**  
Highs from the mid 30s to the mid teens, lows from the upper teens to the lower single digits.

**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 <a href="mailto:dawn.lamm@usace.army.mil">dawn.lamm@usace.army.mil</a>						