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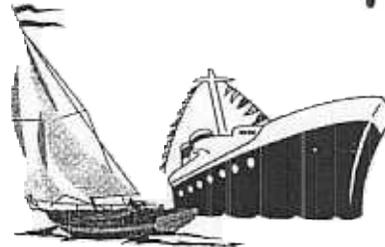


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# NOTICE TO NAVIGATION INTERESTS



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## ATTENTION OKEECHOBEE WATERWAY USERS

### BARRIER CABLE ACROSS RIM CANAL

#### ¼ MILE WEST OF MOORE HAVEN LOCK

1. Due to the rise in lake levels on Lake Okeechobee, floating mats of vegetation known as tussocks have formed in Fisheating Bay and Monkey Box and have been entering the rim canal and Moore Haven Canal and causing problems for navigation, Moore Haven Lock and spillway and other water control structures. As a preventative measure, a barrier cable has been placed across the rim canal at C-5A in order to prevent tussocks from blocking the rim canal and entering Moore Haven Lock and spillway. Buoys have been placed on each side of the barrier to warn boaters regarding the navigation hazard. The barrier will remain in place until conditions improve. Boaters are advised to avoid the barrier by following Moore Haven Canal or McTush Cut to Lake Okeechobee. Mechanical harvesters may be working in Moore Haven Canal, Monkey Box Run, Fisheating Bay, McTush Canal and the rim canal harvesting tussock material. Boaters are advised to use caution when traveling in these areas. Your cooperation is requested during this period to help maintain safety on Lake Okeechobee and the Okeechobee Waterway.

2. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, South Florida Operations Office, 525 Ridgelawn Road, Clewiston, Florida 33440 or call 863-983-8101.

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