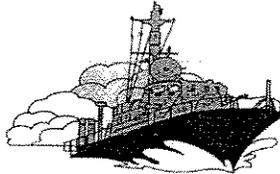




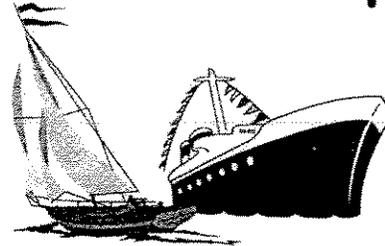
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RESTRICTED NAVIGATION DEPTHS ROUTE 1

OKEECHOBEE WATERWAY, FLORIDA

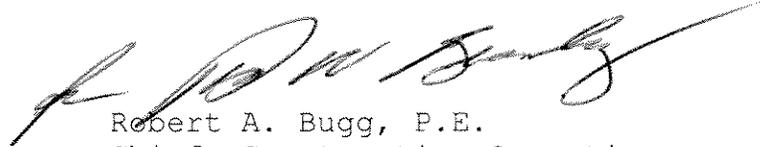
1. Navigation interests are advised that restricted navigation depths are being encountered in the Okeechobee Waterway. Water levels in the lake are averaging 12.00 feet and below.
2. Based on recent reports, restricted depths occur along Lake Okeechobee Route 1 and the Route 2 split just west of Port Mayaca Lock. At best, maximum draft would be 6.34 feet at a lake water elevation of 12.0 feet, NGVD 1929.
3. It is recommended navigation interests navigate strictly to the marked channel - Route 1, thereby avoiding uncharted waters.
4. Route 2 (the Rim Canal) is still closed.
5. If Lake levels continue to drop and the outlook for rain is below normal. The table below gives Lake Conditions at a glance for Route 1:

Lake Level (ft., NGVD)	Available Depth (ft.)	Max Draft (ft.)
11.9	*6.33	5.23
11.4	*5.74	4.64
10.9	*5.24	4.14

*Available depth may be temporarily impacted up to 1.1 feet by strong winds. Prudent boating should be exercised according to prevailing weather.

6. Additional information concerning Lake Okeechobee and the adjoining waterway may be obtained by accessing the Jacksonville District web site at <http://www.saj.usace.army.mil> and pulling up the NAVIGATION and/or WATER MANAGEMENT selections from the Menu. Army Corps of Engineers Point of Contact is the Clewiston Operations Office at (863) 983-8101.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. A. Bugg', is written over the typed name.

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