

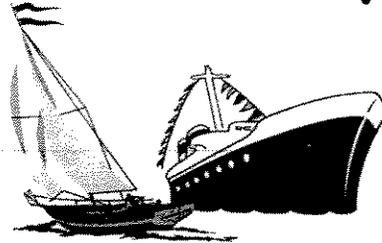
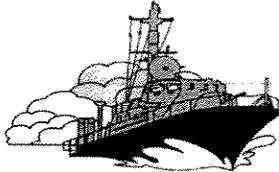


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# NOTICE TO NAVIGATION INTERESTS



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NOTICE TO NAVIGATION INTERESTS

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 10.41 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 4.74 feet at a lake water elevation of 10.4 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 closed with navigation depths of 1.61 feet and less.
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.)
10.9	*5.24	*4.14
10.4	*4.74	*3.64
9.9	*4.24	*3.14
9.4	*3.74	*2.64

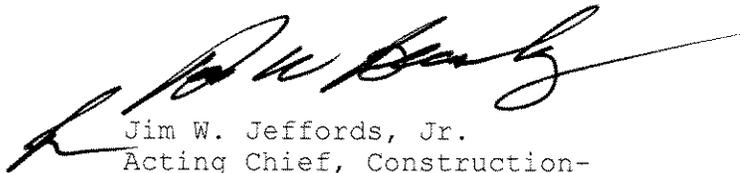
\*Available depth may be temporarily impacted up to 1.1 feet by strong winds. Shoaling outside Port Mayaca further limits available depth to suggested maximum draft. Prudent boating

should be exercised according to prevailing weather. Navigation Depths are based on 2001 Channel Condition Survey.

6. Landowners are experiencing pump cavitation localized to an area two miles west and one mile east of the bridge which crosses the C-44 Canal at Highway 710 just south of Indiantown. It is requested that mariners reduce wakes in this reach of the river.

7. 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 linking to the NAVIGATION and/or WATER MANAGEMENT selections from the Menu.

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