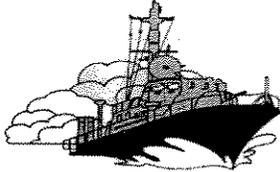




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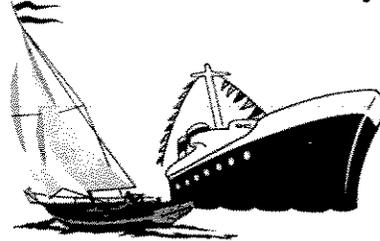


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# NOTICE TO NAVIGATION INTERESTS



In reply refer to:  
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13 April 2007

W. P. FRANKLIN LOCK

RESTRICTED LOCK OPERATIONS

OKEECHOBEE WATERWAY, FLORIDA

1. We in Jacksonville District are making every effort to maximize the number of available boat lockages. The number of lockages that we can allow is directly related to rainfall, salinity, and lake level. Salinity upstream of a lock is increased with every lockage. Navigation interests are advised that with the continued absence of rainfall further lockage restrictions can be anticipated. Your understanding is requested as we move through this period of limited rainfall.
2. Owing to the reduced rainfall and subsequent low water levels we are further restricting lockages at W.P. Franklin. Mariners are hereby advised that effective, 20 April 2007, and until further notice, lockages will conform to the following schedule. Lock operators will utilize the lock chambers capacity for vessels and Lock Supervisor's discretion as needed. Lock operations outside of these scheduled hours will not be available.

RESTRICTED LOCKING SCHEDULE (One lockage each direction)

0900 AM  
1200 PM  
0400 PM

3. The above lock schedule will remain in effect until such time as a change in the lock operations is announced by subsequent Notice to Navigation Interests. Conditions will be evaluated on

a weekly basis. Navigation interests should schedule their operations accordingly.

4. 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.

5. South Florida Water Management District point of contact regarding the issue of water quality in the Caloosahatchee River is Susan Sanders at (239)229-7295. Army Corps of Engineers point of contact is the Clewiston Operations Office at (863)983-8101.

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