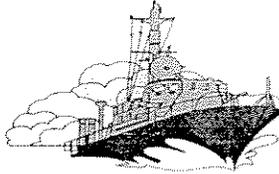




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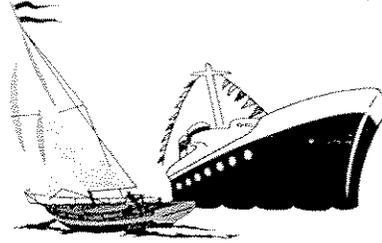


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# NOTICE TO NAVIGATION INTERESTS



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February 15, 2007

W.P. FRANKLIN LOCK

RESTRICTED LOCK OPERATIONS

OKEECHOBEE WATERWAY, FLORIDA

1. Due to the continued decline of water levels in Lake Okeechobee and the concern with increasing salinity levels in the Caloosahatchee River, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District has received a request from the South Florida Water Management District to limit lockages through W.P. Franklin Lock. In honoring this request, mariners are hereby advised that effective, 16 February 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

East bound vessel lockages on even hours  
commencing at 6:00 am and concluding at 8:00 pm.

West bound vessel lockages on odd hours  
commencing at 7:00 am and concluding at 9:00 pm.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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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