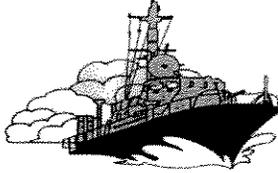




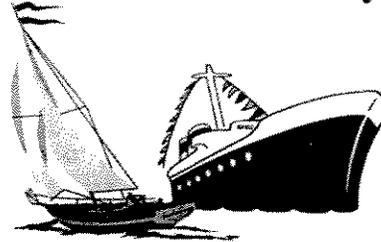
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TEMPORARY LOCK CLOSURES

OKEECHOBEE WATERWAY, FLORIDA

1. Mariners are hereby notified of the following temporary closures to navigation locks located on the Okeechobee Waterway. The closures are necessary in order to install Manatee Protection Systems. In order to expedite this operation, we will be using a compressed schedule to open the waterway by Labor Day weekend.

<u>LOCK</u>	<u>CLOSE</u>	<u>OPEN</u>
Port Mayaca	7 July 2008	29 August 2008
St. Lucie	14 July 2008	29 August 2008

2. The navigation lock at Port Mayaca will be closed to traffic at 0600, 7 July 2008 and reopen to traffic at 0600 on 29 August 2008. The navigation lock at St Lucie will be closed to traffic at 0600, 14 July 2008 and reopen to traffic at 0600 on 29 August 2006.

3. Navigation interests are urged to take the closures into consideration when planning their operations. Every effort will be made to reopen the locks to navigation at the earliest possible date prior to each scheduled opening.

4. For additional information regarding these issues and others may be obtained by visiting the website at www.saj.usace.army.mil and select NAVIGATION PROJECTS then select NAVIGATION BULLETINS AND LOCK CLOSURE INFORMATION or by contacting the US Army Corps of Engineers South Florida Operations Office, at (863)983-8101.

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