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NOTICE TO NAVIGATION INTERESTS

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LOCAL NUMBER: 2017-009
**WATERWAY: OKEECHOBEE WATERWAY &
CANAVERAL HARBOR**
EFFECTIVE: 06/16/2017 00:00 thru 11/30/2017 24:00 EST

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<http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/Navigation/NoticestoNavigation.aspx>

OKEECHOBEE WATERWAY AND CANAVERAL HARBOR LOCK OPERATIONS DURING TROPICAL STORMS AND HURRICANES

REFERENCES:

- a. 33 CFR Navigation and Navigable Waters

1. Notice to Navigation

Notice is given that 72 hours prior to a Tropical Storm or Hurricane making local landfall locks will be open 7 AM to 10 PM supporting vessel safe harbor passage. Lock operations will stop 8 hours prior to land fall as Rail Road and drawbridges will be lowered or rotated and locked into a secure position. It's important that all vessels are at their intended destination before bridges are secured and passage across the waterway suspended.

For Lock Operator safety the locks will:

1. Stop locking vessels or working outdoors if lightning is observed within five miles of the lock and operations will not resume until lightning has not been seen in the area for 30 minutes.
2. Stop locking vessels when winds exceed 35 MPH.

After a storm it could be days or weeks before the waterway is reopen depending on damage to structures and how quickly debris creating navigation hazards can be removed.

For up to date Lock information contact the shift operator 7 AM to 5 PM at:

Canaveral Lock 321-783-5421
St Lucie Lock & Dam 772-287-2665
Port Mayaca Lock & Dam 561-924-2858
Moore Haven Lock & Dam 863-946-0414
Ortona Lock & Dam 863-675-0616
WP Franklin Lock & Dam 239-694-5451

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