



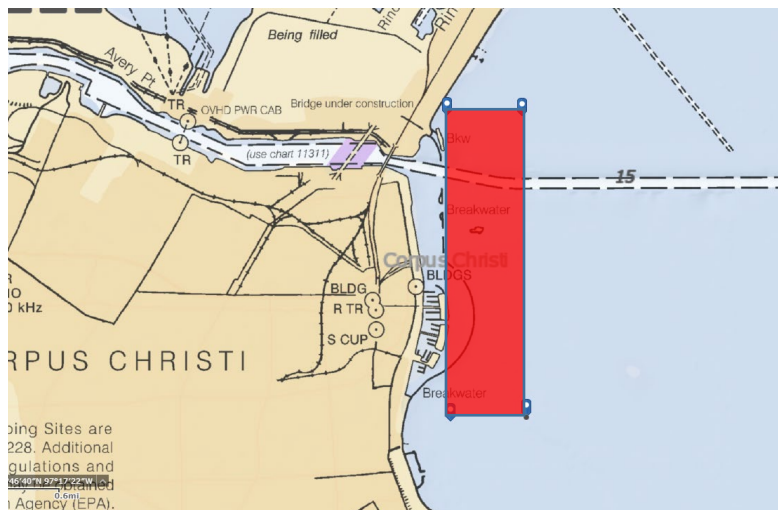
Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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Safety Zone: Wings Over South Texas Airshow

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The Captain of the Port will establish a safety zone in the Corpus Christi Bay and Ship Channel from Thursday April 29, 2021 through Sunday May 2, 2021, from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day. The safety zone is needed to facilitate the Wings Over South Texas Airshow. No vessel shall transit through the safety zone (shown as red box below). White buoys will mark the four corners of the safety zone at positions 27°49'2.78"N, 097°23'16.1"W/ 27°47'3.69"N, 097°23'14.62"W/ 27°49'2.73"N, 097°22'42.97"W/ 27°47'5.46"N, 097°22'41.02"W.



Due to the anticipated increased presence of recreational boating traffic in Corpus Christi Bay, mariners are urged to use extreme caution when navigating near the Airshow. Law enforcement assets will be on scene and will board vessels suspected of unsafe operations.

Tips for safe recreational boating can be found at <https://www.uscgboating.org/> Mariners are reminded:

- It is illegal to operate a boat while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- It is safest for passengers to wear a proper fitting USCG approved life jacket.
- Motorized vessels less 26-feet in length are required to use an engine cut-off switch if equipped.
- Passengers should stay onboard the vessel while underway. Passengers should not attempt to swim near other vessels.
- Failure to adhere to the safety zone may result in enforcement action, civil penalty, and may delay or cancel Airshow events.

- Know the “Rules of the Road” such as operator’s responsibility, maintaining a proper lookout, safe speed, crossing, meeting head-on and overtaking situations. <https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pdf/navrules/navrules.pdf> Maintain awareness of what is going on around you at all times, and always travel at safe speeds.
- Install and maintain Carbon Monoxide (CO) alarms inside your boat. CO can accumulate inside or outside boats. Symptoms of CO poisoning are similar, and can be confused with, seasickness or alcohol intoxication.
- Install a Marine VHF radio and tune it to VHF Channel. Radio procedures can be found: <https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=mtBoater>
- Download the USCG Boating Safety App. Features of the app include: TX state boating information; a safety equipment checklist; free boating safety check requests; navigation rules; float plans; and calling features to report pollution or suspicious activity. When location services are enabled, users can receive the latest weather reports from the closest National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration weather buoys as well as report the location of a hazard on the water.

Concerned parties with urgent concerns can contact the U.S. Coast Guard Sector/ Air Station Corpus Christi Command Center at 361-939-0450 or on Marine VHF Channel 16; or for non-urgent questions and concerns, email CCWaterways@uscg.mil.



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