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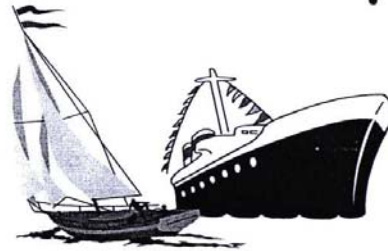


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NOTICE TO NAVIGATION INTERESTS



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OKEECHOBEE WATERWAY, FLORIDA

1. Due to extremely restricted channel depths in Lake Okeechobee, mariners are strongly advised that the following should be taken into consideration whether transiting the Lake or stopping for recreational activities such as fishing. Lake elevations have been averaging 13.21 feet-NGVD and below. Therefore:

a. **Route 2 (Rim Canal)**: Based on the 2008 Channel Condition Survey the minimum depth of route 2 at a lake elevation of 13.21 feet-NGVD is 4.65 ft. **Mariners are advised that if they transit Route 2, they are doing so at their own risk and should observe the following:**

- (1) Exercise precautions according to prevailing weather;
- (2) Adhere strictly to the Route 2 marked channel and avoid uncharted waters; and
- (3) Be aware depths could drop at any time.

b. **Route 2 (the Rim Canal)**: **is open with restrictions to navigation depths due to shoaling.**

2. The following table gives lake conditions and maximum recommended drafts at a glance for Route 2 if lake levels continue to drop.

Route 2	
Lake Level feet, NGVD 1929	Maximum Recommended Draft, feet
13.21	*4.65
12.71	*4.15
12.21	*3.65
11.71	*3.15

*NOTE: Authorized depth was reduced by 2 feet due to shoaling in Route 2. See link below for access to recent survey information and updated Notice to Navigation reports.

3. Localized Information on Route 2:

a. Based on recent reports, restricted depths occur along Lake Okeechobee Route 2 at the Route 2 split just west of Port Mayaca Lock.

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. The latest navigation report can be found at <http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/h2o/reports/r-nav.html>

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