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TI causeway bridge & channel closed this Wednesday

Subsequent work on the drawbridge over the navigation channel will reduce channel width to mariners for about 8 weeks

The new Treasure Island Causeway Bridge will be **closed to vehicular traffic on Wednesday, March 21, 2007** between the hours of **9am and 5pm** for installation of the first lift portion of the drawbridge that will span the channel. Trucks will use the temporarily closed lanes as their staging area to offload pre-cast steel.

The barge and crane used for this work will also require the **one-day closure of the navigation channel** at the Treasure Island Causeway Bridge **Wednesday, March 21, 2007** between **9am and 5pm**.

Bridge construction is on schedule with a projected completion in August 2007.

Detour routes

Westbound traffic on the Treasure Island Causeway will be turned back at 79th Street to Causeway Boulevard North or South. Eastbound causeway traffic will detour at 104th Avenue, except for local traffic to the Treasure Island Yacht Club and Paradise Boulevard. Detour routes to and from Treasure Island during the bridge closure are the Madeira Beach Causeway to the north and the Corey Causeway in St. Pete Beach to the south.

Notice to Mariners

Construction work during the next 60 days at the Treasure Island Causeway Bridge will affect the accessibility of the channel to boaters.

- After the **full channel closure on Wednesday, March 21, 2007** for drawbridge "leaf" installation, the new section will be locked down. This 4-week lock down will reduce the usable channel width by half.
- A second **full channel closure will happen on or about April 18, 2007 from 9am to 5pm** for installation of the drawbridge west leaf. Following installation, the 4-week lock down will reduce the usable channel width by half.

Except for the full channel closures of March 21 and April 18 (or thereabouts) the navigation channel at the Treasure Island Causeway Bridge will remain open at half-width during the next 8 weeks.

Mariners requesting information on the status of channel accessibility can call the Treasure Island Causeway Bridge Tender Control Room on channel 9.

Updates regarding the April 18th channel closure will be issued from this office and posted on our website www.mytreasureisland.org

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