



Notice to Navigation interests



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NOTICE TO NAVIGATION INTERESTS:

TOMBIGBEE RIVER, ALABAMA
MILE 213.7, DEMOPOLIS LOCK UPPER APPROACH
MILE 224, RATTLESNAKE BEND

Notice is given to mariners that the US COAST GUARD has deployed new test buoys at the above locations and is requesting mariners to provide feedback on the buoys' performance as Aides to Navigation (AToN).

On behalf of BMCS Kyle Norman, Officer In Charge (OIC), USCGC WEDGE WLR-75307:

"The U.S. Coast Guard has replaced the Green Buoy at the upper approach to Demopolis Lock (Tombigbee River Mile 213.7) and the lower Red Buoy at Rattlesnake Bend (Tombigbee River Mile 224) with prototype buoy hulls. These buoys are constructed of a plastic hull and are larger than the steel hulls currently in service on the Western Rivers. The U.S. Coast Guard Research and Development Center is seeking public feedback to determine the radar signature and visual aspect of these buoy hulls. Mariners are asked to email TestBuoyInfo@USCG.mil to note whether the buoys meet, exceed, or do not meet radar and visual expectations for navigation. It is requested the river mile and buoy color are reported when emailing feedback. Comments from Commercial and Recreational waterway users are welcomed and highly desired."

For additional information, contact BMCS Kyle Norman, OIC, USCGC WEDGE WLR-75307, at 251-259-1924.

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