

## Mariner Message #9

*If you are calling for the Indian River Inlet Notice to Mariners, please press 6*

*This message was updated **Friday, October 28, 2011 at 9:00am***

*As the mainspan construction of the new cable stay bridge nears completion over the channel of the Indian River Inlet, mariners should be aware of the following conditions. The bridge construction utilizes a form traveler system, which is partially suspended beneath the new bridge and will temporarily encroach upon the navigable channel beneath the existing bridge.*

*At this time, the form traveler is positioned near the center of the main channel of the inlet. Mariners are encouraged to navigate through the main channel areas just north and south of the form traveler where the existing bridge underclearance varies between 32 and 35 feet above the mean high water elevation of 0.84 feet. Actual clearance levels are posted on the form traveler and will be updated as the traveler position changes.*

*Mariners should note the final mainspan concrete closure pour has recently been completed. Preparations for the final lowering and removal of the form traveler are underway. This work will include lowering the traveler onto a barge and shipping it off site. The final steps of this work activity will require the temporary closure of the entire Indian River Inlet waterway to allow for the safe removal of this 300 ton form system. These activities are being closely coordinated and will be assisted by the United States Coast Guard. **The waterway closure is currently scheduled to occur Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> sometime between 12p.m. and 9:00 p.m.** Please note construction progress and this removal operation are heavily weather dependent and are subject to change on short notice. As this critical construction activity nears, any new updates including a more precise time of closure will be posted on this line. If you expect to be navigating in or around the Indian River Inlet between now and early November, please be sure to check this line frequently for any updated information.*

*If navigating through this area, please be sure to visually identify the traveler and use caution. Mariners should avoid navigating directly beneath the form traveler*

*and are reminded to keep the channel clear to other boaters. All anglers are asked to avoid fishing under and around the form traveler at all times.*

*Thank You.*