

Mariner Message #7

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

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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. As the construction advances the form traveler 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 that the form traveler will complete its operation in late October/early November. Following the final, closure pour, the form traveler will be lowered onto a barge and removed from the site. This lowering operation will require a brief closure of the inlet to mariners. As this critical construction activity nears, any new updates, including a specific date of removal, will be posted on this line. If you expect to be navigating in or around the Indian River Inlet during this time frame, please be sure to check this line frequently for any updated information.

Please visually identify the traveler and use caution while navigating through this area. 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.