



Notice to Navigation Interests

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk District

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DISMAL SWAMP CANAL AND LAKE DRUMMOND RESERVATION

ATLANTIC INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY

HURRICANE FLORENCE CLOSURE

Effective immediately following the afternoon locking at 1:30 PM on September 12, 2018, the locks at Deep Creek, Virginia and South Mills, North Carolina on the Dismal Swamp Canal (Route 2) of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway will close to navigation due to Hurricane FLORENCE.

Vessels seeking harbor in the Dismal Swamp Canal will only be allowed to moor between the South Mills Lock and South Mills Bridge on a first come, first serve basis. Vessels shall note the water levels in the canal are being dropped based on the forecasted rainfall. Vessels will be stranded in the canal until after damages from the hurricane are repaired. An assessment of the canal will be done after the storm to determine the damages and the time frame to open for navigation.

The Army Corps of Engineers will also secure and close the Lake Drummond Reservation to visitors at 4:00 PM on September 12, 2018.

Those planning to use this route in the future are advised to refer to the Coast Guard Local Notice to Mariners, contact the lock operator at 757-547-3311, or call the Norfolk District office at 757-201-7642.

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