



2027 LYBN West Qualifier, Sabine and Calcasieu River

Very important notes:

- There will be boats patrolling the rivers for law enforcement. **No-wake zones matter!**
- The lock into Calcasieu will be operating all day unless something unavoidable happens

Tournament waters are public waters of the Sabine and Calcasieu Rivers and areas with the boundary. (See Rules documents)

- Anglers can go below I-10 for tournament, BUT, **not south of the Intercoastal**, except on the Texas side. Louisiana is off limits south of the intercoastal.
- You may fish Texas waters within the boundary as long as you've met the requirements including Texas fishing license if that applies to you.
- The Eastern boundary will be the Gulf Hwy 384.
- The area of the Visitor Center pond, the pond and canal leading to it off the Sabine, as well as other ponds in that area, are also off limits (see maps).
- No fishing within **200 yards** of the host landing.

12" minimum fish length if you go into the Sabine River

- State Law
- Do not get caught by WLF with a fish under 12" or you may be ticketed.

We will start boat checks/ checks around 4:00am Saturday morning in the area shown on the maps.

Juniors.

- Blast off first.
- Due in before **2:00pm.**

Boat numbers should be issued after the registration deadline.

High School Flight 1: due in before 3:00pm

As soon as you stop in the line to boat check and launch, start prepping your boat for inspection.

Anglers, this is your tournament, get out of the tow vehicle and prep the boat so your captain can **pay attention to traffic** and keep the vehicle moving.

Items to be completed are:

- Navigation lights in and turned on. You will not be allowed to fish if your lights aren't working.
- Live wells open for inspection.
- One PFD for each member of the team counting captain, Anglers should have their PFD on and fastened. Captains PFD should be out], and on the deck, easily visible to tournament officials.
- Boat numbers needing to be checked for **insurance papers** will be posted to Facebook the prior to the tournament.
- Double check to make sure that your **plug is in** while prepping.
- This will be a **rolling boat check, captains in the truck**, you will be checked in, handed your boat card, and have a ribbon applied all at one time.
 - **Anglers be in the boat**, ready to launch as you pass the check station.
- **After boat check**, you must **turn your headlights off** when entering the launch area to avoid blinding those trying to back boats in and directing traffic.

On Water boat check You may motor from the other launches at a "reasonable" distance but **use extreme caution navigating and go slowly**. You will have to **walk to the check station to check in**.

This will be a **very crowded launch** and **parking area**; we will have personnel there to direct traffic in the immediate launch area. **See maps for traffic flow, VERY IMPORTANT!!!**

After launching boats, drivers **proceed immediately** to the **parking areas**. Please **park as close to others** as you can to avoid wasted spaces. If the lot at the launch fills, proceed to the overflow lot shown on the map.

Please be considerate and avoid getting in a position that would impede traffic flow. You will cross a traffic flow area a couple of times, **make sure that you don't get trapped where your truck or boat is in the way**

Traffic Map



Do not park your boat on the docks and hang out.

- Only use the docks for **entering and exiting boats** as well as **getting boat checks**.
- We will monitor this and if abused, hold you till the end
- Have anglers motor or use trolling motor to pull away from launches to wait until the driver returns for pickup.

- Use **cell phones to communicate**

Please minimize the time that your fish are in your weigh bag. There is only a small amount of oxygen to sustain them in your bag. Keep your fish in your live well as long as possible.

We have added more live tanks to help with fish care.

Once your boat is on the trailer...

- **Very important! Do not stop in the parking lot area to strap your boat unless you pull into a parking spot.**
- **Hook the front hook and proceed to additional parking if no spot is available. This has been the #1 issue at this launch!**
- **Come to the bump station, bag table to receive one of our bags.**
- **Retrieve your fish in the bag and proceed as quickly as possible to the bump station line.**
- **After weighing fish, proceed to the photo area for photos.**
- **After photos,**
 - **take your fish in the mesh bag to the bump station live tanks to refresh them**
 - **wait for a golf cart shuttle, to return them to the water quickly.**
 - **Please return the bags to the bag table at the top of the hill.**
- **No photos after leaving the photo area, PLEASE**

We ask that every captain and angler read and understand the rules document.

- **They can be found in the fishing Chaos App or website**
- **Most of the many questions that we are asked the answer comes directly off the rules.**

We have a multiple verification system for short fish. If it meets the requirement, it will be added to your bag.

- Remember, we are here to see young anglers catch and weigh their fish.
- We will do everything in our power to try to make it legal, but it must touch the silver area of our scale to make it.

Check your measure board against ours to make sure yours conforms to the “official” measurements. **It will be available that morning at the trailer.**

Captains and family **are not allowed** in the bump area to reduce congestion.

Final thoughts

- Pay attention to maps on the pre-tournament docs
- They contain...
 - Traffic Flow
 - Off limits areas
 - Boundaries
 - No-wakes zones.
- Slow down around curves.
- Don't cut corners in curves
- Watch for hunters and be courteous to them and everyone else on the water.
- Be careful! In a situation that you aren't sure of, come to an idle or stop to investigate what you are seeing.
- Be the example out there and go have a fun!

Sabine South Off Limits GPS file

[Download Sabine South Boundary GPS/ .KMZ File file](#)

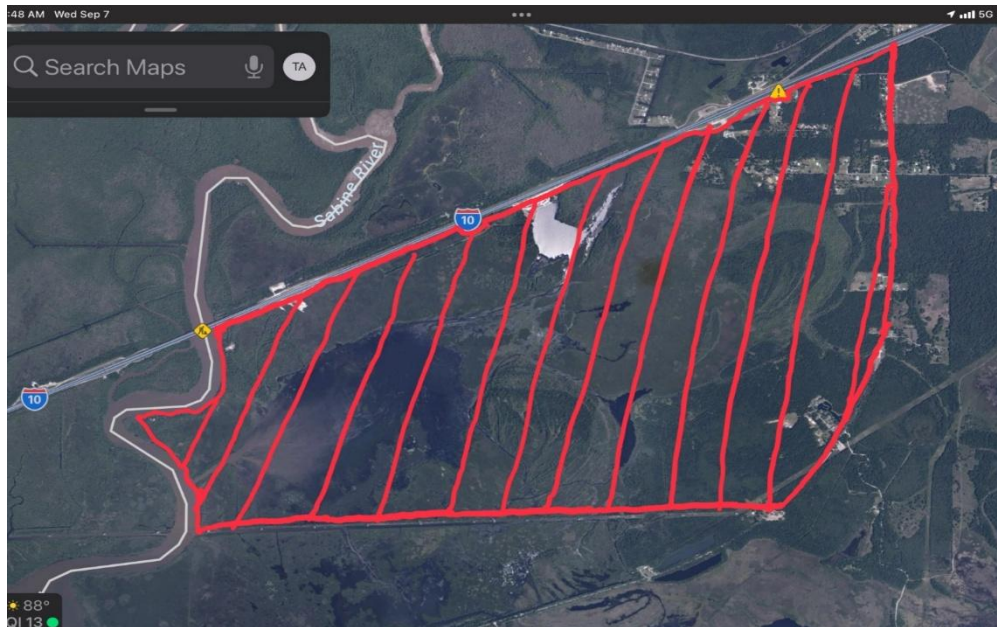
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See below for off limits maps

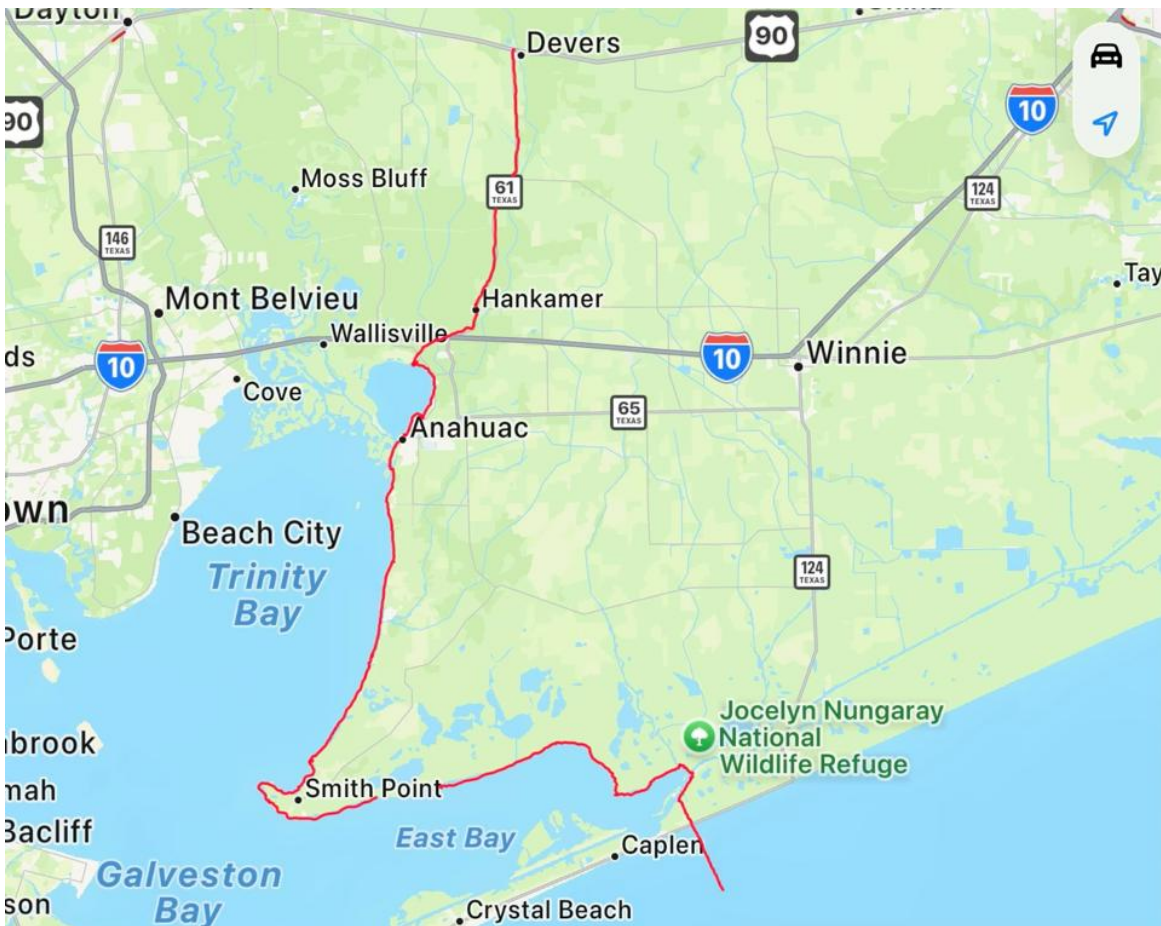


Sabine Area.



South, East, and West Boundaries



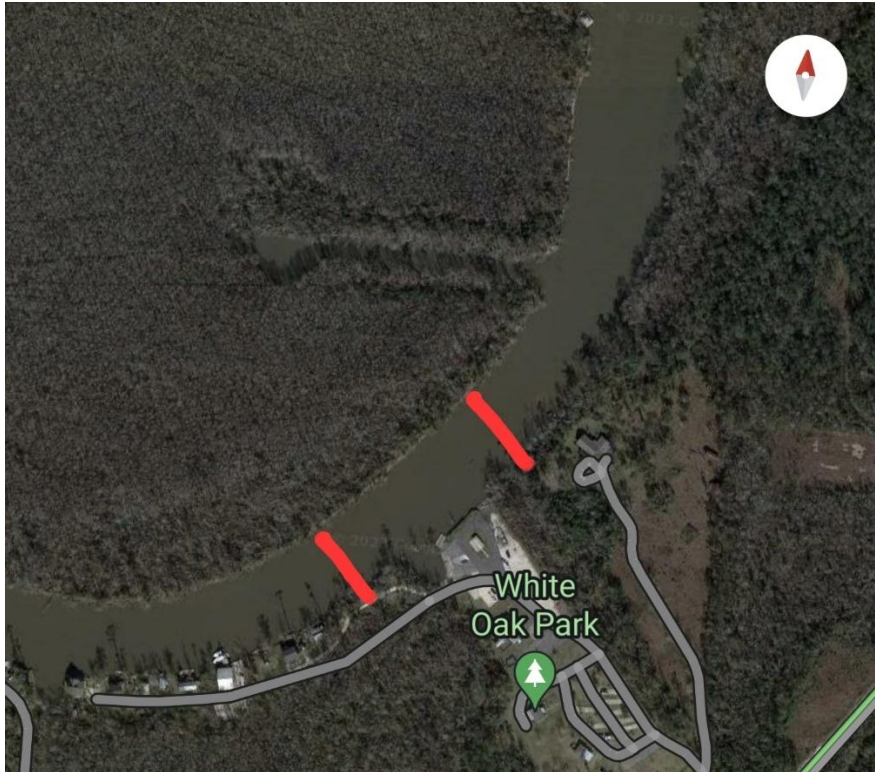


Off-Limits areas in the Calcasieu area.

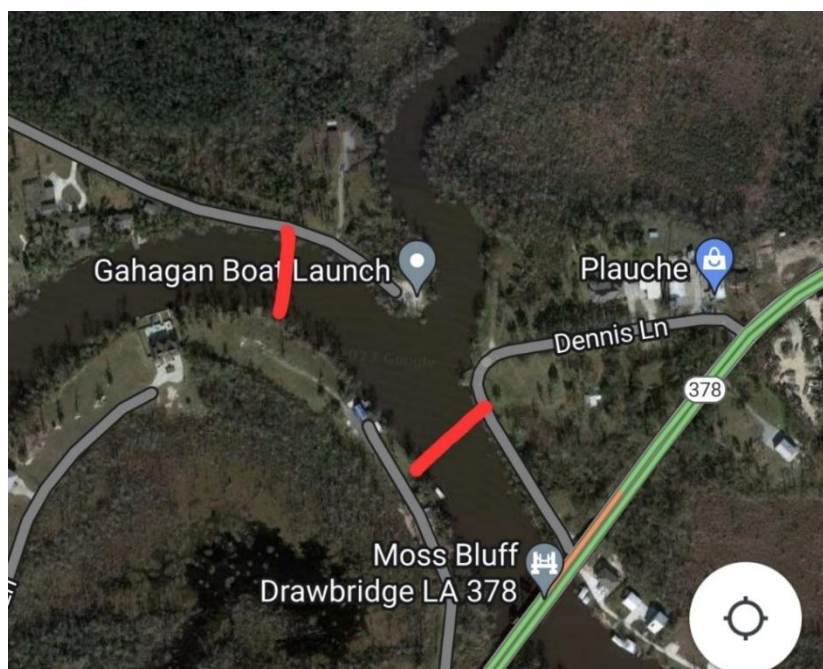


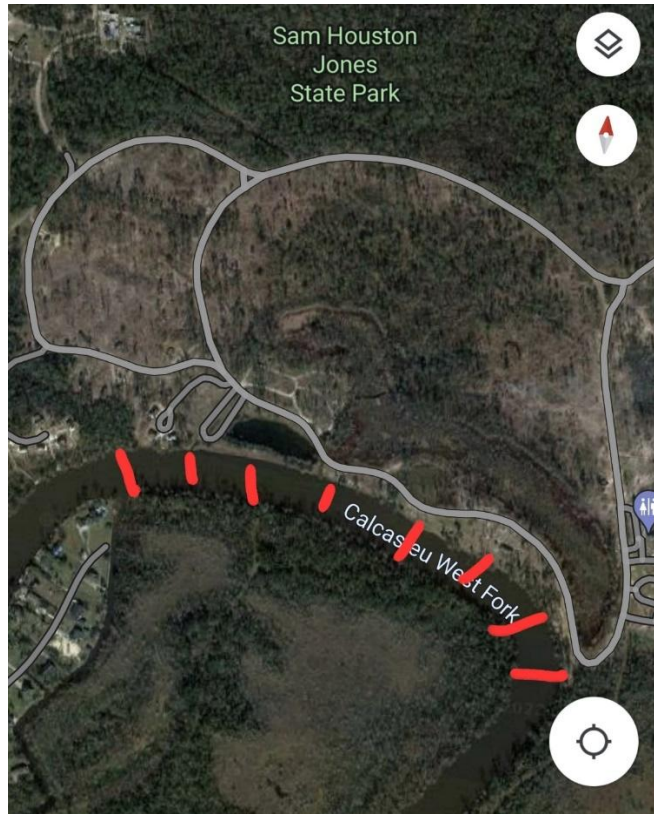
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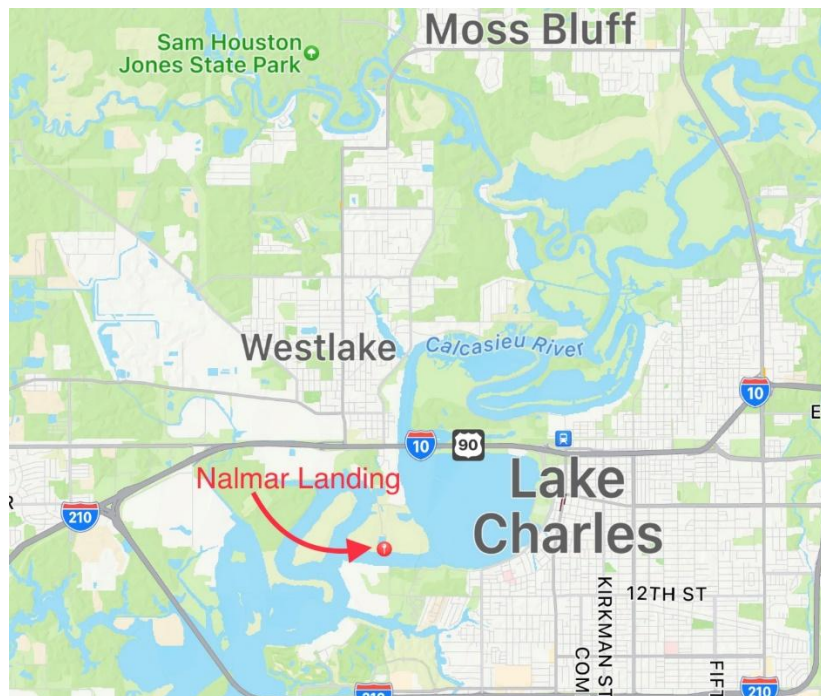


West Fork Calcasieu River No-Wake zones





On Water Fuel



- On-water fuel will be an issue for those traveling to the Calcasieu River.
- Nalmar Landing is only 10 miles from Moss Bluff and so if you can make it to Calcasieu and back that far, you could top off, or top off on the way.
 - Remember that there may be lines being the only option.
 - They also may not be open.
- Be careful if making that run.

Calcasieu River Saltwater Barrier Recreational Vessels Locking Through

Boats can move from fresh to salt water through the Calcasieu River Saltwater Barrier.

Below is what you need to know to transit the lock safely. Moving from one side to the other, or "locking through," is a free service with facilities owned and operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The process usually takes 4 to 5 minutes but may take longer when commercial traffic is near. Following the steps below will make the transition from one side to the other quick and easy.

- Stay in the navigation channel as marked by the signage. Be aware that some areas near locks can be dangerous. Always follow posted safety regulations. **DO NOT TRY TO PASS THROUGH THE SPILLWAY!**
- Use marine radio channel 14 to identify yourself to the lock operator and let him know your intentions. (If you have a marine vhf radio, not required) • Or pull the small-craft signal cord located near the security light closest to the concrete structure on the long approach walls.
- Once notified, the lock operator will adjust spillway gates to allow for safe passage if needed. He will then open the navigation gates to allow for passage.
- Transit the lock **at no-wake speed**. Passengers should remain seated, and everyone aboard should wear a personal floatation device during the entire process.
- Float in view of the operator until the gates are open. When the gates are fully open exit the lock. Exit at no-wake speed, and do not pass any other vessels as you transit the lock.
- The red/green signal lights are only used for commercial traffic.
- All commercial traffic takes priority in transiting the lock, once a towboat is lined up the lock operator will allow him to transit before any recreation vessel. Many of the towboats that transit our structure are carrying petroleum products, please give them as wide a berth as possible and no open flames.

- Read and obey signage in the area. The structure was built in an old cypress forest. There are stump areas on both sides of the structure between the navigation and spillway channels.
- Follow the instructions of the Lock Operator. He knows the conditions of the water levels on both sides, wind, and weather. He is there for the safe passage of all vessels through the structure.