

January 29th, 2018

2018 Upper Mississippi River Navigation

The re-opening of the Upper Mississippi River (UMR), north of St. Louis, is not far away. Locks that are closed (Locks #18, #16, #14, UMR mi. 410-493) are scheduled to re-open March 6th. ACBL will begin accepting barge releases to destinations above St. Louis for the following dates:

<u>Origin</u>	<u>Release Dates for points including and below Clinton, IA</u>
Houston	February 6
New Orleans	February 13
Pittsburgh	February 14
Louisville	February 21
Chicago	February 22
Cairo	February 27
St. Louis	March 4

<u>Origin</u>	<u>Release Dates for points above Clinton, IA *</u>
Houston	February 13
New Orleans	February 20
Pittsburgh	February 21
Louisville	February 28
Chicago	March 1
Cairo	March 6
St. Louis	March 11

**Please be aware that Lake Pepin (UMR mi. 752-796) can have a dramatic affect on our ability to navigate to locations above UMR mi. 752 (Redwing, Twin Cities). As of today, 25" of blue ice covers Lake Pepin. Wintery conditions can push our departure dates from St. Louis out by weeks.*

Transit times on the initial voyages may be longer than normal due to waiting required for locks and bridges to open, so please plan accordingly. Any barge that completes loading to the UMR before the dates stated above may be subject to demurrage while barges interchange in St. Louis prior to our projected departure dates to the UMR (as conditions permit).

<u>Destinations on the UMR</u>	<u>Projected Departure Date from STL</u>
Points including and below Clinton, IA	March 4th
Points above Clinton, IA	March 11th

Please contact me at if you need any clarification or have any questions regarding departure dates for specific origins and destinations not listed above.

Thank You,

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