

TENN-TOM TRAVEL TIPS

COMMUNICATION:

1. LOCK- Most locks monitor channel 16 VHF. Call ahead when you are approximately 20 minutes from lock. Example: "This is MV Seatoy at mile 201 requesting up bound locking"
2. MARINAS- Most marinas do not accept reservations. Please call a day ahead and let them know the date of your arrival, along with length, beam, draft, and power requirements. Please call if your arrival will vary from the date you are expected.
3. TOWS-Towboats run on the river 24 hours a day. Please announce your location every 30 minutes while traveling. Example: "MV Seatoy northbound at mile 230" "MV Seatoy northbound at mile 230."

LOCKING:

1. CALLING LOCK- Call only when you are approximately 20 to 30 minutes from the lock on channel 16 VHF. Have boat registration or documentation number ready.
2. FENDERS- Remember to always place your fenders before entering lock!
3. FLOATING BITTS- All Tenn-Tom locks have floating mooring bitts. Sometimes these bitts can "hang up," and it is recommended to have a sharp knife ready for such an emergency. Gloves are also helpful while in the locks.
4. DO NOT leave lines unattended while locking.
5. LIFE JACKETS are required for anyone that is not inside the cabin of the boat.
6. DO NOT leave or untie your boat until the lockmaster blows his horn or gives you permission to leave!
7. DO NOT ENTER LOCK UNTIL YOU HAVE PERMISSION TO ENTER!
8. Make sure you enter and leave lock at no wake speed-slow down prior to entering lock to keep your wake from following you in.

Lock Guide

Whitten Lock	(662) 454-7977	Aberdeen Lock	(662) 369-7966
Montgomery Lock	(662) 585-3915	Columbus/Stennis Lock	(662) 328-7075
Rankin Lock	(662) 585-3080	Tom Beville Lock	(205) 373-2942
Fulton Lock	(662) 862-7431	Gainsville/Heflin Lock	(205) 652-9258
Wilkins Lock	(662) 651-4966	Demopolis Lock	(334) 289-0645
Amory Lock	(662) 256-4051	Coffeeville Lock	(334) 276-3293

TRAVEL:

Boat Wake:

- Always remember, *you* are responsible for your own wake!
- Having an additional lookout is suggested to watch for small boats, or shore side docks and boats.
- YOU are liable for any damage from your wake!

MARINAS:

The Tenn-Tom Marinas are run by extremely helpful people. If there are any problems on the waterway, please let the marina manager be aware of the situation.

WHISTLE SIGNALS:

TOWBOATS WILL GIVE YOU OVERTAKING OR MEETING SITUATION BY ONE OR THE TWO WHISTLE DIRECTIONS. KNOW THESE DIRECTIONS BEFORE TRAVELING.