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### **Dismal Swamp Canal reopens after water levels rise**

**CHESAPEAKE, Va.** -- After ample rainfall and a rising of water levels in Lake Drummond and the Dismal Swamp Canal, the locks at Deep Creek, Va., and South Mills, N.C., reopened to vessel traffic at 8:30 a.m., March 26. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, closed the Dismal Swamp Canal due to low water levels last November.

The locks and bridges operate at 8:30 and 11 a.m., and 1:30 and 3:30 p.m., seven days per week. Vessels are permitted to moor overnight in the canal.

One operator handles bridge and lock operations at Deep Creek and another at South Mills, so the bridge will not be manned when the lock is operated, and vice versa. Lock and bridge operators monitor channel 13.

Mariners should keep in mind that the scheduled opening is subject to delays caused by weather or unforeseen difficulties. Those planning to use this route should refer to Coast Guard Broadcast Notice to Mariners; contact lock operators, Deep Creek, 757-487-0831, South Mills, 252-771-5906; or call the Norfolk District office at 757-441-7642.

