The Pelican Island Bridge in Galveston Harbor
View looking west.
View looking east.
View from bridge looking north.
View from bridge looking south.
During 2014 the bridge was closed for major repairs on its mechanical components to improve operation and safety, but these repairs have now been completed and the bridge is operating again at the beginning of 2015.
This is the information for normal bridge operations.

Pelican Island Bridge (Galveston Harbor)
phone: 409-744-2908  VHF channel 16

Due to rush hour traffic on the bridge, there are no openings during the following weekday hours:
6:45am – 8:10am
12:00noon – 1:00pm
4:15pm – 5:15pm
(There are no opening restrictions on weekends and holidays.)
Mariners with vertical clearance requirements of more than 13 feet above MHW (mean high water) requiring a bridge opening should take note of the fact that the open bascule does overhang the channel! (So, for example, if you are heading westbound, make sure to hug the north side of the channel.)
This is information for smaller vessels not requiring a bridge opening.

Mariners with vertical clearance requirements of less than 13 feet above MHW (mean high water) may, with caution, transit beneath the bascule portion of the structure without calling for a bridge opening.
This is information for larger vessels that may not require a bridge opening.

Mariners with vertical clearance requirements of less than (about) 24 feet above MHW (mean high water) may, with caution, transit beneath the fixed portions of the structure on either side of the bascule bridge.
Water depths under the fixed spans are sufficient for safe transit for small boats.
Pelican Island approach road looking south.
Galveston Harbor looking east from the bridge.