



Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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NOTICE OF PORT CONDITION YANKEE

The Captain of the Port (COTP), Delaware Bay, has set Port Condition YANKEE throughout the port due to the potential for Hurricane ISAIAS to impact the Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware area in the next 24 hours. Based on the current storm track, the COTP anticipates setting Port Condition Zulu at 2100 on August 3, 2020. A thorough explanation of port conditions can be found under the local contingency plans tab on homeport at: <https://homeport.uscg.mil/port-directory/delaware-bay>.

Projections indicate the Delaware Bay COTP Zone will experience high winds, severe thunderstorms, and increased seas, surf and tidal surge. All members of the port community to include vessel owners and operators, vessel agents, pilots, and facility owners and operators are to take adequate precautions and to follow the Port Hurricane Contingency Plan.

All vessels and facilities are required to complete the appropriate checklists and forms which are attached to this MSIB, or available online under the local contingency plans tab at: <https://homeport.uscg.mil/port-directory/Delaware-bay>, and adhere to the following:

- Lightering operations must cease. Bunkering operation requests will be approved by the Captain of the Port on a case-by-case basis.
- *All cargo operations utilizing cranes must cease when wind speeds reach 40mph.*
- All moored tank barges are required to have a tug on standby alongside or in immediate proximity. All freight barges are required to be moored to a pier or wharf.
- *All anchorages north of Bombay Hook Point are closed to vessels intending to anchor. Vessels currently in anchorage must contact the MTSRU to determine course of action. Contact the MTSRU at 267-515-7294.*
- *Vessels anchored in Big Stone Anchorage are required to have a Pilot onboard.*
- All local tug companies should have a list of tugs available for assistance prior to and after hurricane passage.
- All coastal inlets are closed to departing traffic.
- For vessel movements contact the MTSRU at 267-515-7294.

PREPARATIONS FOR HURRICANE READINESS CONDITION ZULU

- Vessels must be securely moored and prepared for hurricane conditions.
- Mariners are advised that all vessel movement within the Port of Sector Delaware Bay may be suspended with the exception of vessels seeking safe harbor or refuge. Vessel movements without specific authorization from the Captain of the Port will be prohibited.

- Liquid cargo transfer operations will be suspended.
- Submit appropriate checklists and forms to SecDelBayMTRU@uscg.mil prior to 2100 on August 3, 2020.

Mariners are advised that based on continued deteriorating weather conditions, the entrance to Delaware Bay may be closed to incoming traffic.

The COTP will broadcast notification using VHF-FM radio in the event any limitations or restrictions are imposed in the COTP Sector Delaware Bay area of responsibility. Additionally this notification will be forwarded to the Maritime Exchange and will be available as requested. The U.S. Coast Guard will provide the best possible advance notification before changing port operational status. Vessel agents are reminded to ensure their ships are provided a copy of the Port Hurricane Contingency Plan which can also be found on Homeport at <https://homeport.uscg.mil/DelawareBay>. Please refer to the Homeport website for additional information and checklists.

If there are any questions regarding the contents of this bulletin or expectations of the Captain of the Port, please contact (215) 271-4807.



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