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MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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NOTICE OF PREPARATIONS FOR POSSIBLE HURRICANE IMPACT

The Captain of the Port, Sector Delaware Bay is notifying mariners that projections indicate the potential for hurricane "ZOE" to pass near (or impact) the New Jersey and Delaware shorelines in the next 72 hours. Hurricane condition **WHISKEY** has been set and the possibility exists that the Delaware Bay and surrounding areas will experience high winds, severe thunderstorms, and increased seas and surf. All **vessels, facilities, marinas** are asked to take adequate precautions and review the U.S. Coast Guard Sector Delaware Bay Port Hurricane Contingency Plan, dated April 2008, and their individual Heavy Weather Plans. For a copy of the latest Port Hurricane Contingency Plan, contact Sector Delaware Bay planning at 215-271-4908 or log onto the CG's homeport website at: <http://homeport.uscg.mil>. Once in homeport, select the port directory tab and then from the drop down menu, select Sector Delaware Bay. All vessels, facilities, and marinas are urged to monitor hurricane "ZOE" and track the movement of the storm to prepare for any possible impact. **There are currently no restrictions for the COTP zone Sector Delaware Bay.** The COTP will broadcast notification in the event any limitations or restrictions are imposed on the zone of the COTP Sector Delaware Bay. This notification will be broadcasted using VHF-FM radio, fax to the Maritime Exchange, and as per specific requests. The U.S. Coast Guard will provide the best possible advance notification before changing port operational status. Facility managers and ship's agents shall ensure their ships are provided a copy of the Port Hurricane Contingency Plan. Enclosed is a copy of the Storm Preparation Checklist for Vessels and Minimum Recommended Precautionary Measures for Ships and Barges.

If you have any questions regarding the contents of this bulletin or expectations of the Captain of the Port, please contact LT Jason Aleksak of my staff at (215) 271-4902, after hours, contact the Coast Guard Command Center at (215) 271-4807.

PLEASE Do NOT RESPOND

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