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MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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NOTICE OF HURRICANE READINESS CONDITION X-RAY

The Captain of the Port has set Hurricane Condition **X-RAY** due to the potential for Hurricane **IRENE** to impact the Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware tri-state area in the next 48 hours. This Marine Safety Information Bulletin is an update to MSIB #18-11, dated August 25, 2011.

The Captain of the Port Sector Delaware Bay has determined that the possibility exists that the Port of Philadelphia and surrounding areas 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, to include Section 406, dated *May 19, 2010* and comply with the requirements of Section 1200, "Storm Preparation Checklists for Vessels and Facilities". Specifically, vessels desiring to remain in port must submit a "Remaining in Port Checklist" by noon on August 26, 2011. An up to date Port Hurricane Contingency Plan can be found on Homeport at <https://homeport.uscg.mil/DelawareBay>. Vessel agents shall ensure their ships are provided a copy of the Port Hurricane Contingency Plan.

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. 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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