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MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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NOTICE OF HURRICANE READINESS CONDITION YANKEE

The Captain of the Port has set Hurricane Condition **YANKEE** due to the potential for Hurricane **IRENE** to impact the Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware tri-state area in the next 24 hours. This Marine Safety Information Bulletin is an update to MSIB #19-11, dated August 26, 2011.

The Captain of the Port Sector Delaware Bay is notifying mariners that projections indicate 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" and adhere to the following:

- All bunkering and lightering operations must cease.
- Vessels and Facilities shall begin preparations for ceasing cargo operations and draining cargo lines in advance of the Captain of the Port setting Hurricane Condition ZULU.
- 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.
- Masters of vessels remaining at anchorage shall ensure that at least two anchors must be set.
- 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.

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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Captain of the Port Delaware Bay