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MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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NOTICE OF HURRICANE READINESS CONDITION ZULU

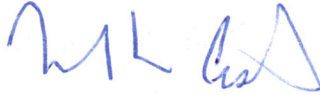
The Captain of the Port has set Hurricane Condition ZULU due to the potential for Hurricane **IRENE** to impact the Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware tri-state area within the next 12 hours. This Marine Safety Information Bulletin is an update to MSIB #20-11, dated August 27, 2011.

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". All vessels, facilities and marinas are urged to monitor Hurricane **IRENE** and track the movement of the storm to prepare for any possible impact.

The designated waters of the Port of Sector Delaware Bay zone are closed. Any vessel requesting to seek safe harbor or refuge must make a request through the Sector Command Center 215-271-4940 prior to entering; vessel movements without specific authorization from the Captain of the Port are prohibited. All vessels and facilities are to cease cargo operations and drain all cargo lines as applicable.

Once it has been determined that the hurricane and severe weather has passed, the Coast Guard will transfer into hurricane downgrade conditions and conduct port assessments in efforts to return the port to normal operations as quickly as possible. Additional restrictions may continue depending on the severity of the hurricane's impact. The Coast Guard asks for a collaborative effort from port members in reporting any hazardous conditions or breakaway of vessels.

The Port Hurricane Contingency Plan 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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