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MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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RETURN TO HURRICANE SEASONAL ALERT STATUS

The Captain of the Port Sector Delaware Bay is rescinding Hurricane Warning Condition 2 for the New Jersey and Delaware coastal areas within the COTP Zone as well as Hurricane Readiness Condition 3 for the remainder of the port. As a reminder Seasonal Alert Status is automatically set annually on June 1st and remains in effect through November 30th, unless otherwise established. All vessels, facilities, and marinas are asked to take adequate precautions and review the U.S. Coast Guard Sector Delaware Bay Port Hurricane Contingency Plan, dated May 19, 2010, and their individual Heavy Weather Plans. An updated Port Hurricane Contingency Plan can be found on Homeport at: homeport.uscg.mil/DelawareBay.

Facility managers and ship agents are requested to ensure that vessels are provided with the contents of the Port Hurricane Contingency Plan and made aware of their responsibilities regarding safety of the port in the event of a hurricane. Agents should generally act as liaison between the Coast Guard and vessels. Agents should ensure that vessels frequenting Sector Delaware Bay receive a copy of the following applicable attachments, all which are available on the homeport website:

1. Storm Preparation Checklist for Vessels.
2. Storm Preparation Checklist for Facilities.
3. Minimum Recommended Precautionary Measures for Ships.
4. Minimum Recommended Precautionary Measures for Barges.
5. Remaining in Port Checklist for Oceangoing Barges w/ Tugs and Oceangoing Vessels.

If you have any questions regarding the contents of this bulletin or expectations of the Captain of the Port, please contact the Coast Guard Sector Delaware Bay Command Center at (215) 271-4807.



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