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**MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN**

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**NOTICE OF HURRICANE SEASONAL ALERT**

The Captain of the Port, Sector Delaware Bay, has determined that Hurricane **IRENE** has diminished and poses no further threat to the port. The Port Condition has been downgraded from Zulu to a Seasonal Alert. However, the Delaware River will remain closed to vessel traffic beginning at the southern point of Biles Island north to Trenton, NJ due to increased volume of debris and flooding. This Marine Safety Information Bulletin is an update to MSIB #21-11, dated August 27, 2011.

Mariners are advised to take caution when transiting the river and bay due to swift currents and the increased presence of debris and other hazards to navigation. It should also be assumed that all Aids to Navigation are unreliable until the Coast Guard can conduct verification of each aid. The Captain of the Port Sector Delaware Bay strongly encourages mariners of small recreational vessels and vessels made of non steel material to avoid transiting the waterway until tides and debris volume return to normal levels.

The Coast Guard continues to ask for a collaborative effort from port members in reporting any hazardous conditions or breakaway of vessels until port condition return to normal.

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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