



# Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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## NOTICE OF PORT CONDITION YANKEE (MODIFIED)

The Captain of the Port (COTP), Delaware Bay, has set modified Port Condition YANKEE throughout the port due to the potential for Tropical Storm ELSA to impact the Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware area in the next 24 hours. Based on the current storm track, the COTP anticipates setting Port Condition Zulu at 0800 on July 8, 2021. A thorough explanation of port conditions can be found under the local contingency plans tab on homeport at: <https://homeport.uscg.mil/port-directory/delaware-bay>.

Projections indicate the Delaware Bay Captain of the Port Zone 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.

- Lightering and Bunkering operations may proceed if previously approved by the Captain of the Port on a case-by-case basis.
- *All cargo operations utilizing cranes must cease when wind speeds reach 40mph.*
- All freight and tank barges are required to have a contingency plan in place in the event of an emergent situation. This should include verification of tug availability.
- All local tug companies should have a list of tugs available for assistance prior to and after hurricane passage.
- For vessel movements contact the MTSRU at 267-515-7294.

## PREPARATIONS FOR HURRICANE READINESS CONDITION MODIFIED ZULU

- Vessels must be securely moored and prepared for hurricane conditions.
- Mariners are advised that all vessel movement within the Port of Sector Delaware Bay may be suspended with the exception of vessels seeking safe harbor or refuge. Vessel movements without specific authorization from the Captain of the Port will be prohibited.
- Liquid cargo transfer operations may be suspended.

**Mariners are advised that based on continued deteriorating weather conditions, the entrance to Delaware Bay may be closed to incoming 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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