

Heavy Weather Information and Precautions



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Port Conditions

WHO

- ▶ set by COTP

WHAT

- ▶ directs preparedness actions

WHEN

- ▶ when deemed necessary by COTP
- ▶ based on time until gale force winds

WHY

- ▶ minimize risk, reduce damage, expedite return to normal

HOW

- ▶ AWS and BNM



Port Condition Timelines

WHISKEY

- ▶ 72 hours out

X-RAY

- ▶ 48 hours out

YANKEE

- ▶ 24 hours out

ZULU

- ▶ 12 hours out

POST HURRICANE

- ▶ Storm has passed

SECURE

- ▶ Storm has passed



Port Condition Actions

WHISKEY (72 hrs out)

- ▶ Seek refuge
- ▶ Possible drawbridge restrictions
- ▶ Possible safety zone
- ▶ Submit “Remaining in Port Checklist”



Coast Guard Actions

WHISKEY (72 hrs out)

- ▶ Set using AWS and BNM messages
- ▶ Establish port coordination conference call
- ▶ HARPATS
- ▶ Contact industry



Port Condition Actions

X-RAY (48 hrs out)

- ▶ Seek refuge
- ▶ Possible drawbridge restrictions
- ▶ All “Remaining in Port Checklist” should be submitted
- ▶ Possible traffic control measures
- ▶ Divert inbound vessel traffic



Coast Guard Actions

X-RAY (48 hrs out)

- ▶ Set using AWS and BNM messages
- ▶ Second port coordination conference call
- ▶ HARPATS
- ▶ Contact industry as needed
- ▶ Review “Remaining in Port Checklists”



Port Condition Actions

YANKEE (24 hrs out)

- ▶ Seek refuge
- ▶ Traffic control measures
- ▶ Possible cargo op restrictions
- ▶ Oceangoing vessels 500+ GT and barges:
 - Prohibited from movement
 - Departing vessels should be leaving
 - Remain at accepted mooring site



Coast Guard Actions

YANKEE (24 hrs out)

- ▶ Set using AWS and BNM messages
- ▶ Third port coordination conference call
- ▶ Final follow-up actions if necessary
- ▶ All “Remaining in Port Checklists” should be accepted



Port Condition Actions

ZULU (12 hrs out)

- ▶ Port closed to all vessel traffic, unless COTP approved
- ▶ Coast Guard verifies final vessel movements
- ▶ Coast Guard maintains watch in Command Center



Port Condition Actions

POST HURRICANE

- ▶ Port re-opened to vessel traffic and cargo ops
- ▶ Possible safety zones & restrictions
- ▶ Mariners advised to exercise caution
- ▶ Movements requiring pilots may still be restricted
- ▶ Waterway surveys conducted



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