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MARITIME SAFETY & SECURITY BULLETIN 18-19

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PORT CONDITION ZULU (Modified)

At 5:00 a.m. Eastern Standard time on September 6, 2019, the Sector Maryland-National Capital Region Captain of the Port (COTP) will set Port Condition ZULU (Modified) for Ocean City Inlet, Isle of Wight Bay, Assawoman Bay, Sinepuxent Bay and the Chesapeake Bay south of Blackwalnut Point (southernmost tip of Tilghman Island, MD) as a precaution against heavy weather impacts of Hurricane DORIAN. In order to safeguard vessels, ports and waterfront facilities from damage due to Hurricane DORIAN, a temporary safety zone established by the COTP is in effect.

Per the established safety zone, Ocean City Inlet, Isle of Wight Bay, Assawoman Bay, Sinepuxent Bay and the Chesapeake Bay south of Blackwalnut Point (southernmost tip of Tilghman Island, MD) are closed to all vessel traffic.

1. During Port Condition ZULU (Modified), the areas described above are CLOSED TO ALL VESSEL TRAFFIC.

The Port of Baltimore remains open to all vessel traffic and commercial activities, however all mariners are advised to take prudent actions in heavy weather. Mariners are also advised that drawbridges will remain closed when wind speeds are 34 knots or greater or once evacuations begin. Because of the uncertainty of weather movements and related bridge closures, mariners are urged to seek passage through drawbridges well in advance of the arrival of gale force winds. There is still uncertainty with respect to the exact tract, but the COTP will assess forecasts on a continual basis and coordinate with stakeholders to determine what level of port action is required in anticipation of the storm.

If you have any questions regarding the contents of this bulletin, or the expectations of the COTP Maryland-National Capital Region, please contact Port State Control vessel desk (vessels) at 410-576-2517 or the Port Safety and Security (facilities) at 410-576-2630. After hours, contact the Coast Guard Sector Maryland-National Capital Region Command Center by telephone at (410) 576-2693 or via email at D05-SMB-SectorMD-NCR-SCC@uscg.mil.

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