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MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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NOTIFICATION OF HURRICANE SEASONAL ALERT

The Captain of the Port, Sector Delaware Bay, is setting **Hurricane Seasonal Alert** on June 1, 2017. Seasonal Alert 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 April 2016, and their individual Heavy Weather Plans. For a copy of the latest Port Hurricane Contingency Plan, contact Sector Delaware Bay planning at 215-271-4908 or log onto the CG's Homeport website at: http://homeport.uscg.mil. Once in Homeport, select the port directory tab and select Sector Delaware Bay from the drop down menu. From the Sector Delaware Bay page, scroll down and click "COTP Delaware Bay Port Hurricane Contingency Plan" under Local Contingency Plans.

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 liaisons between the Coast Guard and vessels. Agents should ensure that vessels frequenting Sector Delaware Bay receive a copy of the following applicable attachments, all of 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 Waterways Management Division at (215) 271-4851 between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. For after hours inquiries, contact the Coast Guard Command Center at (215) 271-4807.

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