



Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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NOTICE OF PORT CONDITION WHISKEY (MODIFIED)

The Captain of the Port (COTP), Delaware Bay, has set a modified Port Condition WHISKEY due to the forecast of high winds in the Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware area in the beginning on the afternoon of Sunday, February 24, 2019 and continuing through Monday February 25, 2019. 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>.

The COTP has determined the region will likely experience gale force winds, increased seas, surf, coastal flooding, tidal surge and extremely low tides. Members of the port community should take adequate precautions and review the Severe Weather Contingency Plan. In preparation for high winds, the following provisions of Port Condition WHISKEY are implemented:

- Vessels must have effective mooring and anchorage arrangements for anticipated high wind; vessel agents are asked to notify vessel masters of this requirement.
- Facilities must minimize debris that could become missile hazards.
- Lightering, bunkering, and cargo operations must cease when sustained winds exceed 40 mph.
- Vessels and facilities shall conduct a self-assessment for high winds and report any potential hazards or concerns to the Sector Delaware Bay Command Center at (215) 271-4807.

In the event that the COTP imposes further restrictions, they will be broadcasted on VHF-FM Channel 16. Additionally, all notifications will be forwarded to the Maritime Exchange and will be available as requested. The U.S. Coast Guard will provide the earliest possible advance notification before changing the port condition. Please refer to Homeport for additional information.

Questions regarding the contents of this bulletin or expectations of the Captain of the Port can be directed to (215) 271-4807 or (267) 515-7294.

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