Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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NOTICE OF PORT CONDITION XRAY (MODIFIED)

The Captain of the Port (COTP), Delaware Bay, has set a modified Port Condition XRAY due to the potential for Hurricane ISAIAS to impact the Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware area in the next 48 hours. 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 Delaware shore, Delaware Bay, and New Jersey shore areas will likely experience heavy rains, gale force winds, increased seas, and surf. 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 and should be completed:

- 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 within potentially affected areas should conduct a pre-storm self-assessment and report any potential hazards or concerns to the Sector Delaware Bay Command Center at (215) 271-4807.

Facilities and vessels south of the C&D Canal must complete the appropriate checklists and forms. These checklists and forms are attached to this MSIB and should be submitted within 24 hours to SecDelBayMTSRU@uscg.mil.

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.

Vessel and facility operators are encouraged to visit the Mariner Decision Support Tool for forecasts and current information. The decision support tool is located at www.weather.gov/phi/dss_port.

Questions regarding the contents of this bulletin or expectations of the Captain of the Port can be directed to the Sector Delaware Bay 24 hour Command Center at (215) 271-4807.

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