

MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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Set Port Condition WHISKEY

At 1600 local time, June 4, 2020, in preparation for the approaching tropical system (CRISTOBAL), the Captain of the Port (COTP), Sector New Orleans set Port Condition WHISKEY in accordance with the Maritime Hurricane Contingency Port Plan (MHCPP).

All self-propelled ocean going vessels over 500 Gross Tons, all oceangoing barges, and their supporting tugs within the COTP Zone are required to **submit a Remaining In Port Checklist (RIPC) in accordance with the MHCPP prior to 1600 local time, June 5, 2020.** Vessels are only required to submit the first page of the RIPC reporting tool, Enclosure 2 of the MHCPP, found on Homeport at <https://homeport.uscg.mil/Lists/Content/Attachments/63442/Remaining%20in%20Port%20reporting%20tool.pdf> Vessels are not required to submit additional mooring plans.

Upon completion of the RIPC fax or e-mail the reporting tool (Enclosure 2 of the MHCPP) to the Vessel Traffic Service at (504) 365-2519 or e-mail to: D08-PF-VTSNEWORLEANS-LMR@USCG.MIL

Vessel owners and operators are reminded of the October 2014 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) pertaining to vessels and barges located below Mile Marker (MM) 73 Above Head of Passes (AHP) as port conditions change. At this time, the Coast Guard does not intend to implement the safety zone for river evacuation below MM 73. However, these requirements will be discussed on the Port Coordination Team conference calls and reassessed as needed.

All vessels entering and departing the COTP New Orleans Zone are reminded to update their Notice of Arrival with any changes to their arrival or departure information as per 33 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 160.208 and 33 CFR 160.212. The COTP will make notifications as soon as waterway and bridge closures become apparent. The COTP has also outlined specific port preparation requirements and recommendations in the MHCPP.

The following precautionary measures are provided for your consideration. All vessels and facilities operating within COTP New Orleans Zone are strongly urged to implement these measures:

- Secure missile hazards and clear nonessential equipment and loose gear.
- Secure/remove hazardous materials or cargoes to a safe location, especially drums.
- Oil transfer terminals not engaged in transfer operations should drain all loading arms and hoses of product, blank off hoses, and empty/clean small discharge containment.
- Mooring lines doubled up with due consideration given to the effects of predicted storm surge.
- If moored, outboard anchor rigged at a short stay.
- Ensure sufficient number of officers and crew onboard to tend mooring lines, and/or get underway.
- Vessel ballasted to ensure maximum safety.
- All side ports, hatches, portholes, and other openings are closed and secured.
- All fire-fighting equipment is ready for immediate use.
- A continuous radio watch maintained on Channel 16 and 67 VHF-FM.
- If at anchorage, at least two anchors set, for vessels equipped with at least two anchors.
- If at anchorage, vessels should remain ready to get underway within 15 minutes.

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- Spare mooring lines and/or wires should be readily available.
- Facility storage tanks should be pressed up.
- Styrene and other similar product-producing facilities should take additional precautionary measures.

Port partners and mariners are cautioned that the COTP New Orleans may quickly change port conditions as the situation develops. You are strongly encouraged to review your existing hurricane plan, take actions to minimize risk, and be prepared to evacuate, if necessary.

You may review the MHCPP, referenced above, online at <http://homeport.uscg.mil/nola>.

Waterways Management: (504) 365-2280 **Email address:** SecNOLA-WPM@uscg.mil

Sector New Orleans Command Center (24 hour): (504) 365-2200

Vessel Traffic Center (24 Hour): (504) 365-2230 or VHF-FM channels 5A, 12, or 67

Coast Guard District Eight Bridges: (504) 671-2128

National Response Center (24 Hour): 1-800-424-8802



CAPTAIN W. E. WATSON

Captain of the Port New Orleans

For a current list of MSIBs in the COTP New Orleans Zone visit: <https://homeport.uscg.mil/port-directory/new-orleans> under "Safety notifications"

ENCLOSURE 2



Coast Guard Sector New Orleans

REMAINING IN PORT CHECKLIST REPORTING TOOL

Fax to VTS Lower Mississippi River 504-365-2519 or
Email to D08—PF-VTSNEWORLEANS-LMR@USCG.MIL

Date: _____ Vessel Has Completed Checklist in Enclosure 1: ___ Yes ___ No

Vessel Name: _____ Call Sign: _____ Official Number: _____

Nationality: _____

(Length: _____, Draft: _____, Gross Tonnage: _____, Horsepower: _____)

Master: _____ Agent: _____

Phone Number/ Fax: _____

Email Address _____, (24-Hour Contact) _____

Departure Date: _____

Persons Onboard Vessel (#): _____

Reason(s) for staying in port: _____

Anchorage/Berth/Location: _____

Ballasted: YES/NO

Cargo type/Amount _____

Number of Tugs _____

Name of Tugs: _____

Mooring or Anchoring Plan (Explain general plans and arrangements:)

Vessels shall maintain a radio watch on VHF Channel 67 and Channel 16 at ALL TIMES

You may e-mail or fax this form to D08-PF-VTSNEWORLEANS-LMR@USCG.MIL or (504) 365-2519.