

MARITIME HURRICANE CONTINGENCY PORT PLAN

Specific Pre-Storm Actions

The COTP will coordinate with the Port Coordination Team (PCT) and establish Port Conditions in advance of the storm. The PCT consists of public (federal and state) and private key port stake holders including the Coast Guard , Army Corps of Engineers, state flood protection authorities, along with marine industry representatives from deep draft and shallow draft stakeholders, commercial barge fleet operators, and various port authorities. The PCT will assist the COTP in assessing the potential impact of each storm and help guide decision making regarding possible control measures pre- and post-storm to ensure maritime safety and security.

1. **WHISKEY** (gale force winds within **72 hours**):

Port Status: Open to all commercial traffic.

- Initiate Port Coordination Team (PCT) conference calls to identify and address concerns over port status, activities, and emergency preparations. **[Note: The COTP and PCT should review Enclosure 7 prior to concluding the PCT teleconference call and, based on the predicted storm track, intensity, and surge coupled with projected river stage and port congestion, determine which, if any, of the possible control measures noted in Enclosure 7 may need to be enacted with the establishment of the Port Condition.]**
- Issue MSIB requiring all self-propelled oceangoing vessels over 500 Gross Tons (GT) and all oceangoing barges and their supporting tugs to report their intention to depart or remain in port to Vessel Traffic Service Lower Mississippi River (VTS):
 - a. Vessels remaining in port will:
 1. Complete a Remaining in Port Checklist (RIPC) (Enclosure 1) within 24 hours and have it readily available for review upon request.
 2. Submit the Remaining in Port Checklist Reporting Tool (Enclosure 2) to the COTP, via the VTS, within 24 hours for approval. This can be done by fax, email, hand delivery, etc.
 - b. Vessels intending to depart prior to the storm’s arrival shall report their name, vessel type, cargo, current location, next port of call, departure time, and expected time to clear South West Pass.
- The Coast Guard Port Assessment Teams (PATs) will increase harbor patrols and advise vessel and facility operators of any conditions that require immediate action or correction.
- Advise port stakeholders of intentions for setting next condition.

ENCLOSURE 3

STORM PREPARATION CHECKLIST FOR VESSELS

This Enclosure contains detailed precautionary measures appropriate to ships and barges, respectively, which intend to shelter in port either at anchor or moored.

**I. PORT CONDITION WHISKEY
(72 HOURS BEFORE ANTICIPATED LANDFALL)**

DATE/INITIALS	TASK REQUIREMENT
	(a) Review vessel's operational schedule.
	(b) Review vessel heavy weather plans and take appropriate action.
	(c) If unable to get underway, evaluate the safety of the present berth. If necessary, develop plans to shift to an alternate location or berth. The plans should include the number and source of tugs, the permits required, and the agency responsible for approving them, and safety/security arrangements appropriate to the new mooring/berth. NOTE: This recommendation primarily applies to vessels at local repair facilities, or vessels in lay berths (moored or at anchor)
	(d) Set a continuous Channel 16 VHF-FM radio watch.