



Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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Port Condition Update: Recovery HURRICANE HARVEY

August 31, 2017

Upon passage of Hurricane Harvey, the U.S. Coast Guard Captain of the Port (COTP) Corpus Christi has begun reopening waterways within the COTP zone. As of 2:15 PM, August 31, 2017, the following status applies:

- The Port of Brownsville – **OPEN** with no restrictions
- The Port of Corpus Christi – **OPEN** with the following restrictions:
 - All vessels are restricted to a draft not to exceed 43 feet.
 - All foreign registered vessels 100 gross registered tons or larger, all domestic tank vessels 10,000 gross registered tons or larger, and all domestic non-tank vessels 1,600 gross registered tons or larger must:
 1. Conduct one way transits only;
 2. Have a minimum of 2 pilots for each transit; and
 3. Transit during daylight hours only.

Mariners are advised that although some channel surveys have been conducted, the Coast Guard has not completed channel surveys of all inlets, harbors and channels to confirm safe transit. Mariners are to proceed with caution as navigational aids may be missing or off station and debris, shoaling and hazardous substances may be present. All other waterways of the COTP zone remain closed.

Mariners are reminded that the Corpus Christi Inner Harbor Security Zone (33 CFR 165.809) remains in effect during severe weather. Recreational, commercial fishing and passenger vessels are not permitted to enter the security zone without permission of the COTP. Vessels must have a prearranged agreement with the COTP to enter the Inner Harbor.

The COTP may also take further actions deemed necessary to ensure safety within the ports. Please contact (361) 767-2527 with any reports of missing aids to navigation or possible obstructions within the waterway. In addition, please email the Operations Section at CGHarvey17icp@uscg.mil with questions/comments/concerns.

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