



Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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**Port Condition Whiskey:
T/S Nicholas**

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For the weather disturbance titled T/S Nicholas, the U.S. Coast Guard Captain of the Port Corpus Christi (COTP) has set Port Condition Whiskey for the area of responsibility from the Colorado Locks to the U.S. Mexico border (including the ports of Port Lavaca- Point Comfort, Palacios, Victoria, West Calhoun, Corpus Christi, Port Mansfield, Harlingen, Port Isabel, and Brownsville), effective 6:00 p.m. on September 12, 2021. Gale force winds associated with tropical cyclone activity are expected to arrive within 72 hours.

Owners, operators or agents of all self-propelled oceangoing vessels over 500GT and all barges and their supporting tugs must report their intention to depart or remain in port. A Remaining in Port Checklist must be completed and submitted to Sector Corpus Christi within 24 hours. All self-propelled oceangoing vessels over 500GT and all barges and their supporting tugs departing the port must depart not later than 12 hours prior to the arrival of gale force winds. Vessels bound for these ports which are unable to depart 12 hours prior to the arrival of gale force winds are advised to seek an alternate destination.

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 as a safe refuge.

The COTP may also take further actions deemed necessary to ensure safety within the ports as the weather progresses. Port Condition Checklists are located in MSIB 41-21, located under the Corpus Christi Port Directory on Homeport. Mariners and facilities are requested to observe weather reports and stand by for further direction.

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By Direction of the Captain of the Port