



Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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**Port Condition X-ray:
T/S Nicholas**

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T/S Nicholas has intensified with max sustained winds of 40 mph and is anticipated to strengthen before making landfall. The National Weather Service has set a Hurricane watch from Port Aransas to Sargent and is predicting a 2-4 foot storm surge in some regions of the area. As per the COTP Maritime Hurricane Contingency Port Plan, the U.S. Coast Guard Captain of the Port Corpus Christi (COTP) has set Port Condition X-ray for all ports servicing deep draft vessels in the COTP zone 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 10:00 p.m. on September 12, 2021. Gale force winds associated with tropical cyclone activity are expected to arrive within 48 hours.

Vessels requesting to remain at their moorings during the tropical storm shall obtain permission from the COTP, and coordinate with the owner, operator, or person-in-charge of the waterfront facility and determine the conditions the facility will require. Owners, operators or agents of 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 impose vessel traffic control measures significantly limiting vessel movement and activities when gale force winds are within 24 hours of the port. 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