



Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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Port Condition Yankee: Tropical Storm Beta

Date Issued: September 19, 2020

The Captain of the Port (COTP) has set **Port Condition Yankee** for the area of responsibility north of the Port of Harlingen to the Colorado Locks (including the ports of Port Lavaca- Point Comfort, Palacios, Victoria, West Calhoun, Aransas, Corpus Christi, and Port Mansfield) at 3:00 p.m.

Movement of all self-propelled oceangoing vessels over 500 GT and all oceangoing barges greater than 500 GT and their supporting tugs within the ports is prohibited without prior approval of the Captain of the Port.

All transfer operations shall cease upon arrival of 40 mph winds. All vessels intending to leave port and requiring bunkers shall plan accordingly to ensure preparations for departure are complete by 12 hours prior to the arrival of gale force winds from the storm. Disconnect all transfer hoses and loading arms when wind speeds exceed 50 mph.

Inland tows should designate a facility or fleeting area that will support a safe mooring for the duration of heavy weather. Vessels must coordinate with the owner, operator or person-in-charge of the waterfront facility to determine the conditions the facility will require. Additionally, all Coast Guard regulated facilities hosting a vessel shall submit a Storm Preparation Checklist. Checklists are attached to this MSIB. Please submit the completed checklist to the appropriate Coast Guard unit as soon as possible:

- Brownsvillefacilities@uscg.mil
- Corpusfacilities@uscg.mil and please copy MST1 Transano at James.K.Transano@uscg.mil
- MSDVictoria@uscg.mil

Smaller commercial vessels not restricted by draft, including fishing vessels and passenger vessels, should seek shelter outside the deep draft shipping channels.

The COTP may take further actions deemed necessary to ensure safety within the ports as the weather progresses. Mariners and facilities are requested to observe weather reports and stand by for further direction.

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Commander, U.S. Coast Guard
By Direction of the Captain of the Port

U. S. Coast Guard Sector Corpus Christi

Corpus Christi, Texas

Storm Preparation Checklists (For Facilities)

Facility Name:

Facility Location:

Facility POC:

Name of Vessel Moored:

Vessel Departure/ Arrival Dates:

I. PORT CONDITION WHISKEY

DATE/TIME/INITIALS

			(a) Review facility contingency plans. The contingency plans for barge fleeing facilities should contain procedures for recovering breakaway barges and specifically include the location or availability of tugs/towboats. Barge fleeing facilities should also evaluate measures to reduce the size of their fleets. Note: Plans to nest barges with other vessels must be approved by the COTP.
			(b) Review vessel arrival schedule.
			(c) Review operational schedules to identify shipments of Cargoes of Particular Hazard, Hazardous Material, and/or Dangerous Cargoes arriving via highway or rail vehicles.

II. PORT CONDITION X-RAY

DATE/TIME/INITIALS

			(a) Determine the special needs and intentions of vessels moored at the facility. Note: The COTP may direct the vessel or facility to take certain precautions to correct conditions, which threaten the port or the environment.
			(b) Set a time for the voluntary suspension of cargo handling operations. In doing so, ensure that vessels have ample time to hire and schedule labor, arrange pilots, contract tugs/towboats, and safely complete the transit to sea or a hurricane anchorage prior to the setting of Port Condition ZULU. Notify the COTP of the time established.

III. PORT CONDITION YANKEE

DATE/TIME/INITIALS

			(a) Secure missile hazards and clear nonessential equipment and loose gear from all wharves and piers.
			(b) Secure or move hazardous material and dangerous cargo to a safe location.
			(c) Advise the COTP of any dangerous cargo that cannot be secured or moved to a safe location.
			(d) Prepare to secure cargo operations in advance of the COTP setting Port Condition Zulu, unless permission is requested and an approval is received from the COTP. Operations involving Cargoes of Particular Hazard will be secured without exception at Port Condition Zulu.
			(e) Ensure cargo operations are secured in adequate time to allow vessels desiring to depart port have ample time to make the necessary arrangements and complete the transit to sea.

IV. PORT CONDITION ZULU

DATE/TIME/INITIALS

			(a) Secure cargo operations involving liquid bulk dangerous cargoes, unless permission is granted and verification is received from the COTP. Cargoes of Particular Hazard will be secured in all cases.
			(b) Oil transfer terminals should drain all loading arms and transfer hoses of product, blank off hoses, empty and clean small discharge containment.
			(c) All small craft owned by the facility that can be hauled out should be removed from the water and secured well away from the effects of possible storm surge and high winds.

**U. S. Coast Guard Sector Corpus Christi
Corpus Christi, Texas
Remaining in Port Checklist (For Vessels)**

1) Vessel Name:
2) Official Number:
3) Call Sign:
4) Flag of Vessel:
5) Length:
6) Width:
7) Draft:
8) Gross Tonnage:
9) Hull Type:
10) Horsepower:
11) Name of Berth, Location and Depth of Water at Mean Low Water:
12) Master's Name:
13) Name, Address, and Phone number of Owner:
14) Name, Address, and Phone number of Charter Point of Contact:
15) Name, Address, and Phone number of Agent:
16) Reason for Remaining in Port:
17) 24-Hour contact number for Qualified individuals who are empowered in writing by the owners to make on-site decisions and authorize expenditures of any required pollution response or salvage.

18) Amount of ballast the vessel may hold and estimated draft with the vessel in ballast:

19) Amount of bunkers, lube oil, and diesel oil on board:

20) Amount and types of cargo on board:

21) Persons remaining on board and their qualifications:

Attach the following items:

A) Describe how the vessel will be secured to the berth. Submit a diagram showing the mooring arrangements with the size, length and lead of mooring lines or wire.

B) Operational status of machinery on board the vessel (i.e. availability of main propulsion, engines, generators, fire fighting pumps, bilge pumps, anchors and number of anchors, mooring machinery, etc.)

C) Any unusual conditions affecting the vessel's seaworthiness.

D) Crew Manifest.

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