



Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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SECTOR CHARLESTON PORT CONDITION X-RAY HURRICANE IRMA

At 2000 EDT on September 8, 2017, Coast Guard Captain of the Port (COTP) Charleston will set port condition **X-Ray** for the Sector Charleston COTP Zone due to the forecasted arrival of sustained gale force winds from IRMA within 48 hours.

All ocean-going commercial vessels and ocean-going barges greater than 500 gross tons must complete operations and safely depart the Sector Charleston COTP zone prior to 2000 EDT, September 10, 2017. By 1200 EDT, September 9, 2017, or at the time of the Notice of Arrival, those vessels unable to comply with the above timeline must contact Coast Guard Sector Charleston to receive permission to remain in port and are required to submit a departure plan and a safe mooring plan, if applicable, in writing that can be executed within 12 hours. The timeline for the requirements above is subject to change based on updated port-specific weather forecasts.

Port facilities are advised to review their heavy weather plans and continue to take all necessary precautions to adequately prepare for the forecasted wind and storm surge. Mariners can view the latest port updates on the Coast Guard's Homeport site.

For Heavy Weather Advisory Group (HWAG) or Waterway specific questions, contact: (843) 323-7761 or (843) 740-3184.

For Facility and Vessel specific questions, contact: (843) 740-3186 or (843) 514-1009.

For Coast Guard related emergencies, contact Sector Charleston Command Center at: (843) 740-7050.

