



Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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SECTOR CHARLESTON PORT CONDITION YANKEE HURRICANE IRMA

At 1300 EDT on September 10, 2017, Sector Charleston Coast Guard Captain of the Port (COTP) set port condition **Yankee** for the Sector Charleston COTP Zone due to the anticipated arrival of sustained gale force winds within 24 hours.

Port Status: Coastal South Carolina ports are open to outbound vessel traffic only. Commercial inbound vessels are restricted from entering the port unless expressly authorized by Sector Charleston COTP or a designated representative. Cargo operations may continue during Port Condition Yankee; however, appropriate facility container stacking protocols must be finalized based on weather forecasts.

Ocean-going commercial vessels and ocean-going barges greater than 500 gross tons currently in port should make preparations to safely depart prior to 2000 EDT, September 10, 2017, unless expressly authorized by the COTP. Vessels authorized to remain in port must implement their previously submitted safe mooring plans.

All other commercial vessel operators and recreational boat owners should trailer their vessels if possible or ensure their vessels are secured at berth and will not pose a hazard to surrounding vessels, the navigable channel, or the environment.

Port users are reminded that drawbridges may not be operating when sustained wind speeds reach 25 MPH or when evacuation is in progress.

Port Condition ZULU may be set within 12 hours of expected tropical storm force winds. Future Port Conditions are set contingent upon the weather conditions.

For authorization to deviate from actions required during port condition YANKEE, 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.