



# Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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## Sector Charleston's Prevention Department – Inspections Division

Coast Guard Sector Charleston is adjusting on-site inspection requirements in response to COVID-19 for the safety of our workforce and the public. In line with Commandant MSIB 09-20, to facilitate the uninterrupted flow of commerce on the Nation's Marine Transportation System during this time, the following measures are being implemented in regard to inspection of U.S. Flagged commercial vessels in South Carolina.

To the greatest extent possible, required Certificate of Inspections (COI), Renewals, Annual Inspections, Periodic Inspections, Dry Dock Examinations, and Internal Structural Examinations (ISE) that are based on statutory or regulatory requirements will be deferred to the end of the inspections window, and may be further deferred on a case-by-case basis.

At the discretion of the Chief, Inspections Division, objective evidence, such as recent classification surveys, pictures, video, vessel logs, machinery alarm reports, etc. may be accepted in lieu of Coast Guard attendance to credit required inspections or examinations.

Shipyard work and repairs must be coordinated in advance with the Marine Inspector, including project milestones where objective evidence would be acceptable and where attendance by a Marine Inspector is required. For existing vessel worklist items, repairs may continue as planned. Please keep the Marine Inspector well-informed and up to date on shipyard work and repair progress.

All other inspections will be managed on a case-by-case basis.

Please do not hesitate to contact Sector Charleston's Inspections Division with any questions regarding vessel inspection oversight during this extraordinary global pandemic.

Sector Charleston's Prevention Department will remain connected through the below email:

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Vessel operators in the Myrtle Beach, SC area can remain connected with the Myrtle Beach office through below contact:

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