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MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN (MSIB) 072-16 OCTOBER 4, 2016

SET HURRICANE CONDITION WHISKEY IN THE PORTS OF FERNANDINA AND JACKSONVILLE

Effective **10:00 a.m., October 4, 2016**, Hurricane Condition WHISKEY was set in the ports of Fernandina and Jacksonville. All maritime interests are directed to complete preparations to implement the Port Heavy Weather Plan for Northeast and Eastern Central Florida.

Based on the latest National Hurricane Center forecast, Hurricane Matthew's closest approach to northeast Florida and southeast Georgia will likely be Friday and Friday night. Tropical Storm Conditions are possible Thursday evening through Saturday. Hurricane Matthew will bring significant marine and coastal concerns to Northeast Florida and Southeast Georgia.

The ports of Jacksonville and Fernandina remain open with no restrictions. It is important that you monitor the storm development as well as prepare for potential changes in Port Hurricane Conditions. Please review heavy weather plans and make any preparations necessary to safeguard your vessels and/or facilities as the Captain of the Port continues to closely monitor the storm.

Maritime interests are reminded that there are no "safe havens" identified within the ports of Jacksonville, Fernandina, and Canaveral for a vessel to safely survive tropical storm force winds, or storm surges without creating a threat to the safety of the port and public welfare. The safest condition for the port and during the arrival of a hurricane is when the inventory of vessels is at a minimum. All ships should coordinate and plan with regards to their evasion plan. Master should take early and decisive action to ensure the safety of their vessels and crews.

Due to the unique track of Hurricane Mathew, the Captain of the Port anticipates going directly to Hurricane Condition YANKEE at **6:00 p.m., October 4, 2016**. Vessels desiring to remain in port during the Hurricane must request and receive permission. The request must be submitted in writing and explain the reasons why the vessel is submitting the request. All requests must also include a completed "Remaining in Port Checklist" that will describe the mooring arrangements and vessel specifics. This checklist must be signed by the vessel's master and a representative of the facility where the vessel intends to moor. If the request is approved, additional measures may be required to ensure the safety of the port and the vessel. These measures may include, but are not limited to, the addition of extra mooring lines or fenders and the removal of cargo from the vessel. All remain in port requests must be submitted to the Remain in Port Liaison Officer (RIPLO) at jaxdomestic@uscg.mil. If you have any questions regarding remain in port requests please contact CWO Duncan at (904) 718-7339.

Conference calls will be held at **1:30 p.m.** for maritime interests in the Jacksonville and Fernandina areas. Due to the limited capacity of our phone system, it is requested that only one representative from each

company and primary stakeholders call in. The call-in number for the daily conference call is **1-866-722-8890**, access code **62463351**. During the call all members are requested to leave their phones on mute or minimize the back ground noise when not speaking. All members not attending the conference call can receive current information from MSIBs published on Homeport.

For additional information please contact Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville at (904) 714-7557.



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Captain of the Port
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