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SET HURRICANE CONDITION ZULU IN THE PORTS OF FERNANDINA AND JACKSONVILLE

Effective 8:00 p.m., September 9, 2017, Hurricane Condition ZULU will be set in the ports of Fernandina and Jacksonville. All commercial vessels over 500 gross tons are prohibited from transiting or remaining in the ports of Fernandina and Jacksonville. Additionally, all ship-to-shore cargo operations must cease 6 hours prior to setting Hurricane Condition ZULU.

Be advised, most draw bridges will be locked down well before the predicted arrival of sustained gale force winds (above 39 mph), and will not open until after the severe weather has passed. It is critical that vessels intending to evacuate the ports of Jacksonville, Fernandina, or Canaveral via the St. Johns River or the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway depart early to avoid being blocked by bridges.

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

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