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SET HURRICANE CONDITION ZULU IN THE PORTS OF JACKSONVILLE AND FERNANDINA

Given the current forecast and track of Hurricane Mathew, the Captain of the Port (COTP) Jacksonville will set Hurricane Condition ZULU in the Ports of Jacksonville and Fernandina at **8:00 a.m. on October 6, 2016**. Marine interests are advised that upon the setting of Condition ZULU, no vessel over 500 gross tons, may enter, transit, depart, and conduct cargo transfers or bunkering operations. As a reminder, the ports will remain in ZULU until the COTP has had adequate time to assess their condition after the storm has passed. Requests for permission to conduct operations should be made to the Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville 24 hour Command Center Situation Unit Controller at (904) 714-7557.

All Masters of vessels over 500 gross tons, including tugs and barges, that do not have an approved Remain-in-Port Request and intend to depart shall do so by **4:00 a.m. on October 6, 2016**. Considering the speed and sea-keeping abilities of their vessel, the Master must determine if this is sufficient time to ensure the safety of the vessel and its crew. If it is not, the Master shall advance the vessel's departure time accordingly. Questions regarding the status of vessels should be directed to Situation Unit Controller at Sector Jacksonville at (904) 714-7557.

You are reminded that typically eight hours prior to the predicted arrival of sustained gale force winds; most bridges will be locked down and will not open until after the severe weather has passed. It is critical that vessels intending to evacuate the Ports of Jacksonville and Fernandina, via the St. Johns River or the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway depart early to avoid being blocked by bridges.

All marine interests should continue to monitor Hurricane Mathew closely and take early and substantial action to ensure safety of the port and vessels.

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