



## MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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**SUBJECT: Update on Maritime Security**

These bulletins are purely informational for the maritime community within this Captain of the Port zone. They serve to keep you advised of emerging information and situations that may impact our Marine Transportation System. As important, they help to manage expectations and facilitate cooperation regarding actions that we may be taking and/or that you may need to employ in the interest of safety and security. Increased vigilance in our maritime world hinges significantly upon proactive engagement and information sharing with the private sector, which has the primary responsibility for security and safety at their waterfront facilities and vessels.

**Information suggests that the terrorist threat to homeland security is still very real and determined.**

We have not received any credible terrorist threats specifically aimed at the maritime community within this Captain of the Port zone. Yet there is no deadline on vulnerability and we are not likely to have advance knowledge of where and when a terrorist action may occur next. We re-emphasize that the key elements of our maritime security protection objective is *AWARENESS* and *PREVENTION*. Prevention places a premium on awareness, detecting, identifying, and tracking threats to our security. We must exploit all available information to separate the good from the bad, and then stop the bad. This is the heart to our Maritime Domain Awareness and our overall Maritime Homeland Security goals. It enables us to strike a dynamic balance that achieves safety and security without sacrificing individual freedoms and the free flow of commerce. Consequently, we urge your continued increased vigilance and robust security measures that you have maintained since 11 September 2001.

Report all suspicious activity to your local law enforcement agency and to the Coast Guard by calling (203) 468-4444 / 4401 or (800) 774-8724 extension 4401.

Captain of the Port restrictions on vessel movements discussed in our previous Marine Safety Information Bulletins 07-01 and 09-01 remain in effect. Safety Broadcast Notice to Mariners for Long Island Sound can be obtained by tuning to your VHF radio to 22A or by calling (203) 468-4417.

Thank you for continuing to work with our Coast Guard personnel who are out and about throughout the maritime community and to look out for your maritime neighbors. With your support, we will meet this challenge and ensure our Marine Transportation System remains safe and secure. Please call (203) 468-4444 if you have any questions. Have a safe and happy holiday season.

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