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**PORTS OF FERNANDINA, JACKSONVILLE, and ST. JOHNS RIVER
REOPENED TO COMMERCIAL AND RECREATIONAL TRAFFIC**

Based on the preliminary survey reports and consultation with the bar pilots, effective at 2:00 p.m. the Port of Fernandina and the St. Johns River are re-opened to commercial and recreational vessel traffic. The Ports of St. Augustine Inlet, Ponce Inlet, and Canaveral remain closed to all traffic while post-storm assessment efforts are underway.

Mariners should bear in mind that while there are no obvious dangers to navigational safety, the Coast Guard has not completed position checks on Aids to Navigation. Accordingly, mariners should exercise extreme caution and avoid close quarters navigation wherever possible. The Coast Guard will advise as Aids to Navigation are checked and discrepancies are noted or corrected.

This Marine Safety Information Bulletin will be updated as soon as weather conditions change and as post-storm assessments are completed. For additional information please call Coast Guard Marine Safety Office at (904) 232-2640 ext. 153.

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