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MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN 25-04

2:00 PM, September 1, 2004

**HURRICANE CONDITION WHISKEY SET IN THE PORTS OF NORTHEAST
and EAST CENTRAL FLORIDA**

Effective 2:00 PM, Hurricane Condition WHISKEY (72 hrs before the on-set of gale force winds) is set in the Ports of Northeast and East Central Florida as well as for all coastal inlets.

All mariners are reminded that there are no safe havens in the Captain of the Port Jacksonville area, and that the port is safest when the inventory of vessels is at a minimum. For planning purposes, all oceangoing vessels and barges over 500 GT are requested to put to sea if/when Hurricane Condition Yankee is set. Oceangoing vessels over 500 GT that wish to remain in port must submit a **Remaining in Port Checklist** to the Captain of the Port, and should contact the Marine Safety Office immediately. If/when Condition Yankee is set (24 hrs before the on-set of gale force winds) the port will be closed to unauthorized vessel movement, and cargo operation must stop. Inland tank barges must be emptied and secured, and dredges and construction equipment must be secured and moved away from bridges. Frances is a very large and very powerful storm, and all marine interests must take early and substantial action to ensure safety of the port and vessels.

If the storm continues on the current track and speed we anticipate setting Condition X-RAY (48 hrs before the on-set of gale force winds) in the Port of Canaveral at 10:00 PM this evening and for the Ports of Jacksonville and Fernandina at 8:00 AM September 2. For additional information please contact LT J. Tedtaotao (904) 232-2640 ext. 153.

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