

## SAFETY AND SECURITY MEASURES IN THE TAMPA BAY AREA

As a result of the terrorist attacks of 9/11 and the potential for continuing threats, the U.S. Coast Guard Captain of the Port (COTP) Tampa has taken measures to increase safety and security on the west coast of Florida. These measures are necessary to increase public safety and to reduce the threat of sabotage or terrorist acts.

These measures include the establishment of security zones under the authority of Titles 33 of the U.S. Code (USC) Section 1226, 33 USC 1231 and USC 191.

A good general rule is to stay well away from all commercial vessels and facilities in Tampa Bay. This includes all tank vessels that handle or transport hazardous cargo, passenger vessels and terminals, Naval vessels, Coast Guard vessels and bases. The Coast Guard, state and local law enforcement agencies are looking to the boating public and maritime industry to comply with these regulations in a cooperative effort to maintain the safety and security of the waters of Tampa Bay and the surrounding area.

### TAMPA BAY SECURITY ZONES

No person or vessel may enter or remain in the safety or security zones noted in this guide as specified in 33 CFR Part 165, unless authorized by the COTP, or his designated representative.

### TAMPA BAY SAFETY ZONES

No vessel may transit within 1000 yards fore and aft and within the width of the channel of any ship laden with Anhydrous Ammonia (NH3) or Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) from Cut "F" Channel to berth in Tampa Bay. Vessels are also prohibited from transiting within 500 yards fore and aft and the width of the channel to berth in Old Tampa Bay. These channels are indicated in this guide as follows:

NH3/LPG Ships:   
LPG Barge: 

## PORT OF TAMPA FACILITIES

Fixed Security Zones have been established within the Port of Tampa extending 50 yards from the shore or seawall and encompassing all piers around facilities at the following locations: East Bay, Hookers Point, Sparkman Channel, Ybor Channel and portions of Garrison Channel. Port Sutton has been closed to vessel traffic.

### PORT MANATEE, PORT OF ST PETERSBURG AND POWER PLANTS IN TAMPA BAY

A 50-yard Security Zone has been established extending from the shore or seawalls of Port Manatee, Port of St Petersburg (Bayboro Harbor/USCG Group St Petersburg – USCG North and South Moorings), Weedon Island and Big Bend Power Facilities, closing off all access and canals to those facilities.

### CRYSTAL RIVER NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

All access to the channels approaching the Crystal River Nuclear Power Plant are closed to vessel traffic.

### MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE

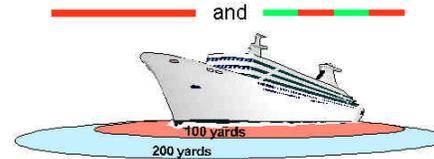
A permanent restricted area exists in all waters contiguous to MacDill AFB. This zone extends out into the Bay more than ½ mile from shore and shall not be breached without the permission of the Base Commander. For details, contact the 6<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron, MacDill AFB, 813-828-3322, 828-3323, 828-3324 or 828-4872.

### RATTLESNAKE AND OLD PORT TAMPA

The industrial area opposite of the Gandy Blvd Boat Ramp, behind and south of Imperial Yacht Basin, as well as areas east of R"10K" within the moorings of Old Port Tampa have been closed to vessel traffic.

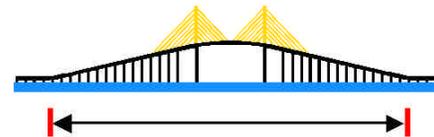
## CRUISE SHIPS, VESSELS TRANSPORTING OR TRANSFERRING HAZARDOUS CARGO

A 200-yard security zone exists surrounding all moored and transiting cruise ships and moored vessels carrying specific dangerous cargoes. No vessel or person is permitted within 100 yards of such vessel in Tampa Bay. Vessels encroaching within 200 yards must proceed at the minimum speed necessary to maintain safe navigation. The floating security zones for transiting cruise ships are indicated in this guide as:



### THE SUNSHINE SKYWAY BRIDGE

A 100-foot security zone extends from the bridge supports and rocky outcroppings extending from the Sunshine Skyway Bridge. The north and south boundaries of this zone are identified by the portions of the bridge having a distinct vertical rise.



### PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION

Pursuant to 33 USC 1232, any violation of the security zones described herein, is punishable by civil penalties (not to exceed \$27,500 per violation, where each day of a continuing violation is a separate violation), criminal penalties (imprisonment for not more than six years and a fine of not more than \$250,000), in rem liability against the offending vessel, and license sanctions.

## Boaters' Guide to the Permanent Restricted Areas, Safety & Security Zones in Tampa Bay as Enforced by Local, State and Federal Authorities

# United States Coast Guard



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