



Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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1100 Hours

Tropical Storm Edouard

Port Condition X-RAY

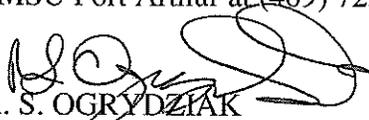
The U.S. Coast Guard Captain of the Port of Port Arthur has set Port Condition X-RAY for the port(s) of Beaumont, TX, Port Arthur, TX, Orange, TX and Lake Charles, LA including all tributaries and connecting waterways. Gale force winds from tropical storm Edouard are expected to make landfall along the coast of southeast Texas and western Louisiana within 48 hours. Pleasure craft are advised to seek safe harbor.

For planning purposes, all cargo transfer operations must be completed before sustained winds reach 35 MPH.

A guide entitled "Hurricane Information for the Maritime Industry" is available to assist in planning. Mandatory submission of "Remaining In Port" checklists for commercial vessels 300 gross tons and greater intending to remain in the Port Arthur Captain of the Port Zone are available from the Vessel Traffic Service website at <http://www.uscg.mil/d8/vtspportarthur>, HOMEPORT (<http://homeport.uscg.mil>) or by calling the VTS Watch Supervisor at (409) 719-5070. Completed forms may be faxed to the VTS at (409) 719-5090 or e-mailed to vtspa_sup@msoportarthur.uscg.mil. **Vessels less than 300 gross tons intending to remain in port shall notify the VTS of their intentions as soon as possible.**

All vessels remaining in port are directed to not raft up in the Sabine-Neches Waterway so as to impede the navigable channel. Vessels are further advised to seek safe harbor in the northern reaches of the waterway. **Vessels shall not moor in locations that impede the safe transit of vessels in the channel.**

Please refer any further questions or concerns to MSU Port Arthur at (409) 723-6500.


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