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Marine Safety Office (813) 228-2189
Tampa, Florida

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MARITIME PORT STATUS TOLL FREE NUMBER

The Coast Guard has established a Maritime Port Status toll free hotline to provide both commercial and recreational mariners with current information on safety zones, security zones, port closures and restrictions. The Maritime Port Status line is broken into five regions.

- Northeast Region, including most of New York, Rhode Island, Maine and Massachusetts;
- Mid-Atlantic/Southeast Region, comprised of eastern and southern Florida, Georgia, South and North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland and eastern Pennsylvania;
- Gulf Region made up of Northwest Florida, Alabama, Louisiana, and Texas;
- Great Lakes Region, including Missouri, West Virginia, Western Pennsylvania, and Minnesota;
- Mid-West Rivers Region, including Missouri, West Virginia, Western Pennsylvania, Kentucky and Tennessee.

Mariners seeking information for Captain of the Port MSO Tampa, FL may call 1-800-682-1796 and press #3 for the Gulf Region and #1 for MSO Tampa or, 1-813-228-2189 and press #3 when prompted. If clarification regarding a specific change is needed, contact the Captain of the Port responsible for that waterway.

The Maritime Port Status Line can be accessed 24 hours, 7 days a week including holidays at 1-800-682-1796.

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