

Marine Safety Office Houston-Galveston
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Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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Beginning of Hurricane Season

Marine Safety Office Houston-Galveston is notifying all facilities, vessels, and port users that Hurricane Condition Five has been set for the U.S. Coast Guard Captain of the Port Houston-Galveston zone. Hurricane Condition Five is automatically set on June 1st at the beginning of the recognized hurricane season. It does not mean there are any hurricanes at this time. Please note that there is no change in the Port Condition. For information on Port Conditions, refer to our website at: <http://www.uscg.mil/d8/mso/hougal/portcondition/index.htm>

Waterfront facilities are reminded to review and update their severe weather response plans, and make any additional preparations needed to safely endure any storms that may impact the area this hurricane season. Inspectors from this office will visit various facilities in the near future to determine the adequacy of port preparations.

Vessel masters are reminded to make plans for their actions in the event that a hurricane approaches. To facilitate advanced planning, any operators or agents of regulated vessels anticipating a request to remain in port during a hurricane should contact the appropriate port authority or facility operator to discuss the viability and agree on the specifics of the severe weather mooring. In the event of an actual approaching hurricane, operators or agents of regulated vessels desiring to stay in port must also contact MSO Houston-Galveston at (713) 671-5100, and include with the request a proposed severe weather mooring plan.

Please contact our Hurricane Officer if you have any questions or comments regarding any aspect of severe weather contingency planning at (713) 671-5118 or <mailto:MSOHouPlanningMail@msohouston.uscg.mil>.



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