



Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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SET HURRICANE CONDITION WHISKEY

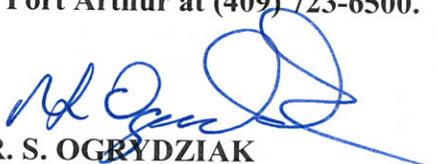
Effective at 08:00 CDT, June 15, 2015, the U.S. Coast Guard Captain of the Port, Port Arthur has set **Port Condition WHISKEY** and established a temporary safety zone for the port(s) of Beaumont, TX, Port Arthur, TX, Orange, TX and Lake Charles, LA including all tributaries and connecting waterways. Gale force winds from Tropical Storm BILL may make landfall along the coast of southeast Texas and western Louisiana **within 72 hours**. The following actions are recommended:

1. All cargo transfer operations should be halted if sustained winds reach 35 MPH.
2. All waterfront facilities and commercial vessels greater than 500 gross tons and seagoing tugs and barges greater than 200 gross tons should be prepared to implement their heavy weather plan.

Remaining In Port Checklists are not needed at this time, but they are available from the Vessel Traffic Service website at <http://www.uscg.mil/d8/vtspportarthur/hurricanes.asp>, 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 d08-dg-msuportarthur-vtssup@uscg.mil

To ensure the safety of your vessels and crews, now is the time to plan. Vessels are advised to seek safe harbor in the northern reaches of the waterway. Survey places to moor or anchor to safely ride out a tropical storm or hurricane, and make available the necessary heavy weather mooring gear. **Vessels shall not moor in locations that impede the safe transit of vessels in the channel.** By regulation, vessels intending to moor at 33 CFR 105 facilities must have an agreed upon security arrangement with the facility prior to the vessels mooring.

This notice will be posted on the HOMEPORT website <http://homeport.uscg.mil>. If you have any questions, please call MSU Port Arthur at (409) 723-6500.


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