

MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN 23-22

September 29, 2022

PORT READINESS CONDITION ZULU FOR SAVANNAH AND BRUNSWICK

Port Readiness Conditions are set by the Captain of the Port (COTP) based on the projected arrival of gale force winds (greater than 34 knots/39 mph) associated with Hurricane IAN activity in the port. All submissions required by the measures below shall be submitted to SMB-MSUSavannah-Prevention@uscg.mil

| Hrs Prior To Gales | Readiness Condition | Measures In Effect | Actual or Anticipated Date/Time |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| | PORTCON IV | Hurricane Season officially begins June 1st and extends through November 30th each year. Review plans and procedures for heavy weather operations as conditions may change rapidly. | 01JUNE22/ 00:01 EST |
| 72 | Whiskey | As per 33 CFR 165.780, a safety zone will be established at port condition YANKEE to restrict the transit of all commercial, oceangoing vessels, barges over 500GT, and vessels deemed by the COTP to pose a significant threat to bridges/waterways. Therefore, all applicable vessels shall make plans to depart no later than the setting of condition YANKEE unless authorized by the COTP. All commercial, oceangoing vessels, barges over 500GT, and vessels deemed by the COTP to pose a significant threat to bridges/waterways that wish to remain in port should prepare to submit a Remain In Port Request in accordance with Enclosure (1) or (2). Submissions should be sent to MSU Savannah four hours prior to the setting of Port Condition X-RAY. | 26SEP22/ 12:00 EST |
| 48 | X-Ray | All commercial, oceangoing vessels, barges over 500GT, and vessels deemed by the COTP to pose a significant threat to bridges/waterways that wish to remain in port shall have their Remain In Port Requests submitted to MSU Savannah. All regulated waterfront facilities shall complete Enclosure (3) or the online MSU Savannah Port Ops Tracker prior to the setting of Port Condition YANKEE, and provide updates as needed. | 28SEP22/ 00:01 EST |
| 24 | Yankee | All commercial, oceangoing vessels, barges over 500GT, and vessels deemed by the COTP to pose a significant threat to bridges/waterways are prohibited from entering the safety zone established by 33 CFR 165.780 unless expressly authorized by the COTP. Emergency requests to enter the safety zone shall be made using Enclosure (1) or (2) and be submitted to MSU Savannah for approval prior to entry. Outbound vessel traffic will be authorized to transit through the safety zone until the setting of Port Condition ZULU. | 28SEP22/ 12:00 EST |
| 12 | Zulu | All commercial, oceangoing vessels, barges over 500GT, and vessels deemed by the COTP to pose a significant threat to bridges/waterways are prohibited from entering the safety zone. All ship-to-shore cargo operations are suspended, including bunkering and lightering. | 29SEP22/ 12:00 EST |
| After storm's passage | All Clear | The Port of Savannah and Brunswick are opened after a satisfactory assessment of the waterway, including critical aids to navigation. | TBD |

RED BOX = CURRENT CONDITION

YELLOW HIGHLIGHT = MEASURES REQUIRED

At 12:00 EST on September 29, 2022, **Port Readiness Condition ZULU** was set for the **Port of Savannah** and the **Port of Brunswick** due to the potential impact from Hurricane IAN. As conditions may change rapidly, you are encouraged to frequently check MSU Savannah's Homeport website for the most up to date information. The website can be found at: www.homeport.uscg.mil. Under the "Port Directory" menu, select "Savannah." If you have any questions, please contact my staff at the above listed telephone number or the Command Duty Officer at (912) 247-0073.

Sincerely,



K.A.BROYLES
Commander, U. S. Coast Guard
Captain of the Port, Savannah

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- Enclosure (1): Remain in Port Request for Commercial, Ocean Going Vessels Over 500 GT
- Enclosure (2): Remain in Port Request for Towing Vessels and Barges
- Enclosure (3): Facility Status Form
- Enclosure (4): Contingency Information

ENCLOSURE (1): REMAIN IN PORT REQUEST FOR COMMERCIAL, OCEAN GOING VESSELS OVER 500 GT

Please provide the following information as it pertains to your vessel and submit to SMB-MSUSavannah-Prevention@uscg.mil

1. Vessel name / Flag / Call Sign / Official Number or IMO Number.
2. Vessel phone number and email address.
3. Agent phone number and email address.
4. Name of Owner, Charter or Operator with phone number and email address.
5. Vessel dimensions / Gross Tonnage / Current draft.
6. Depth of water in the vessel's berth at low tide.
7. Amount of ballast, fuel oil, lube oil, and any HAZMAT or other flammable/combustible fluids on board.
8. Operational status of machinery on board (i.e. main engines, generators, firefighting pumps, bilge pumps, anchors, etc).
9. Any conditions affecting the vessel's seaworthiness.
10. Number of personnel to remain on the vessel and their qualifications.
11. Reason why the vessel is unable to leave port.
12. Name of the facility where the vessel will remain moored.
13. Name of facility representative with their phone number and email address.
14. Confirmation email or letter from a facility representative confirming vessel can remain moored at the facility.
15. Description of how the vessel will be secured to the berth. Include a diagram or drawing showing the mooring arrangements with the size of mooring lines or wire.
16. Plan for emergency evacuation of crew members. (If necessary)
17. Plan for notifying emergency medical services.
18. Plan for the containment and removal of oil discharges or hazardous material releases into the environment?

ENCLOSURE (2): REMAIN IN PORT REQUEST FOR TOWING VESSELS AND BARGES

Please provide the following information as it pertains to your vessel and submit to SMB-MSUSavannah-Prevention@uscg.mil

1. Towing vessel name / Call Sign / Official Number.
2. Towing vessel phone number and email address.
3. (If applicable) Agent phone number and email address.
4. Name of Owner, Charter or Operator with phone number and email address.
5. Towing vessel dimensions / Gross Tonnage / Current draft.
6. Barge dimensions / Gross Tonnage / Current draft.
7. Will the towing vessel be tending the barge(s) while in port?
8. Amount of ballast, fuel oil, lube oil, and any HAZMAT or other flammable/combustible fluids on board the **towing vessel**.
9. Amount of ballast, fuel oil, lube oil, and any HAZMAT or other flammable/combustible fluids on board the **barge**.
10. Operational status of machinery on board the towing vessel and barge (i.e. main engines, generators, firefighting pumps, bilge pumps, anchors, etc).
11. Any conditions affecting the towing vessel or barge(s) seaworthiness.
12. Number of personnel to remain on towing vessel and/or barge(s) and their qualifications.
13. Reason why the vessel is unable to leave port.
14. Name of the facility where the vessel will remain moored.
15. Name of facility representative with their phone number and email address.
16. Confirmation email or letter from a facility representative confirming vessel can remain moored at the facility.
17. Description of how the vessel will be secured to the berth. Include a diagram or drawing showing the mooring arrangements with the size of mooring lines or wire.
Plan for emergency evacuation of crew members. (If necessary)
18. Plan for notifying emergency medical services.
19. Plan for the containment and removal of oil discharges or hazardous material releases into the environment?

ENCLOSURE (3): FACILITY STATUS FORM

Please provide the following information as it pertains to your facility and submit to SMB-MSUSavannah-Prevention@uscg.mil *OR* complete the MSU Savannah Port Ops Tracker

Pre-Storm

1. Planned vessel operations for the next 96 hours.
2. The amount of oil, HAZMAT or other flammable/combustible fluid on the facility.
3. Estimated time needed to reduce container stacks.
4. Will vessels be allowed to remain at your facility during Port Condition ZULU?
5. List of heavy weather operating restrictions/parameters.

Post Storm

1. Is there any structural damage to the facility?
2. Are enough personnel available to conduct operations safely?
3. Is there any fire damage?
4. Are there any downed power lines or are any shock hazards on the facility?
5. Are there any locations on the facility without power?
6. Has there been a discharge or release of oil or HAZMAT?
7. Is there damage to any containment that increases the potential for discharge or release?
8. Is there anything blocking access to the ship berths from the water?
9. Do you suspect any shoaling at the berth that may impede vessels from conducting operations at any berth?
10. Is any cargo equipment damaged?
11. Have any physical security measures been damaged?
12. Are there enough security personnel to maintain required security measures?
13. Are your internet, land lines, and cell reception functional?
14. Is there any damage to a neighboring facility that has affected your ability to conduct operations?
15. What cargo/supplies do you require to resume operations?

NOTE: Facility operators should ensure the open areas of their docks, wharves, and piers are cleared of all missile hazards: Hazardous materials should be removed from areas prone to flooding. Drums should be banded on pallets not more than two tiers high or laid horizontally with secure dunnage.

ENCLOSURE (4): CONTINGENCY INFORMATION

Please fill out the following information as it pertains to your vessel and submit to SMB-MSUSavannah-Prevention@uscg.mil

1. Plans for emergency evacuation of crewmen. (If necessary)

2. Plans for emergency medical services.

3. Plans to contain and remove oil discharges or hazardous material releases into the environment. Discrepancies:

Name: (print) _____ Signature _____

Phone #: _____

Date: _____ Time: _____
