



## **Marine Safety Information Bulletin**

**19-21**

**September 13, 2021**

**Tropical Storm Nicholas**

**SET PORT CONDITION YANKEE (Sabine-Neches Waterway)**

The latest National Weather Service (NWS) advisory for tropical storm Nicholas indicates tropical storm force winds may affect the MSU Port Arthur Captain of the Port Zone within 24-hours. Further, the NWS does not preclude Nicholas from becoming a category 1 hurricane before making landfall. Current forecasts continue to project significant rainfall to some areas with the likelihood of local flooding and associated currents.

The ports of Lake Charles, LA and Cameron, LA **remain at Port Condition X-RAY** including all tributaries and connecting waterways as defined in 33 CFR 3.40-28(b), including the portion of the GIWW from MM 190.5 to 251. All guidelines established in MSIB 18-21 for Port Condition X-RAY remain in effect.

Effective at 12:00 noon CDT, September 13, 2021, the **Captain of the Port (COTP), Port Arthur has set Port Condition YANKEE for the ports of Beaumont, TX; Port Arthur, TX; Orange, TX and Sabine, TX**, including all tributaries and connecting waterways as defined in 33 CFR 3.40-28(b), including the portion of the GIWW from MM 251 to 316.8. The following guidelines apply:

1. Ocean going vessels bound for the Port Arthur COTP zone are advised to seek an alternate destination. All vessels entering and departing the COTP Zone Port Arthur are reminded to update their Notice of Arrival with any changes to their arrival or departure information (33 Code of Federal Regulations 160.208, 33 CFR 160.2).
2. Cargo transfer operations must be completed before sustained winds reach gale force (34 kts/ 39 mph).
3. Commercial vessels greater than 500 gross tons and all seagoing tugs and barges intending to remain in port must immediately notify the Captain of the Port of their intentions to remain in port.
4. No vessel shall moor or anchor in Taylor Bayou Turning Basin without permission of the Captain of the Port.

All stakeholders are advised to monitor weather conditions closely and be prepared to suspend operations, have deep draft ships depart for sea, and/or notify the COTP if remaining in port is desired.

A guide entitled "Hurricane Information for the Maritime Industry" is available to assist in planning for hurricane events. Remaining in Port Checklists are available from the Vessel Traffic Service website at <https://www.atlanticarea.uscg.mil/vtspportarthur/>, HOMEPORT (<http://homeport.uscg.mil>) or by calling the VTS Watch Supervisor at (409) 719-5070. Email completed forms to [msupa-mtsru@uscg.mil](mailto:msupa-mtsru@uscg.mil) (both Sabine-Neches and Calcasieu Waterways).

The Coast Guard will issue a Broadcast Notice to Mariners and Marine Safety Information Bulletins updating Port Conditions as needed.

This notice will be posted on the Coast Guard's HOMEPORT website at <http://homeport.uscg.mil> and the VTS website at <https://www.atlanticarea.uscg.mil/vtspportarthur/>. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please call MSU Port Arthur at (409) 723-6500 or MSU Lake Charles at (337) 912-0073.



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