



Marine Safety Information Bulletin

37-20

October 8, 2020

Hurricane Delta

SET PORT CONDITION ZULU

A Hurricane Warning is in effect for the southeast Texas and southwest Louisiana coastline. The latest National Weather Service (NWS) advisory for Hurricane Delta predicts that tropical storm force winds will affect the MSU Port Arthur Captain of the Port Zone within 12-hours.

Therefore, effective at 8:00 P.M. CDT, October 8, 2020, the Captain of the Port, Port Arthur (COTP) has **set Port Condition ZULU** for the ports of Beaumont, TX; Port Arthur, TX; Orange, TX; Sabine, TX; and Lake Charles, LA including all tributaries and connecting waterways. Tropical storm force winds from **Hurricane Delta** could impact the Texas/Louisiana coast with **within 12 hours**.

The following guidance applies:

1. Cargo transfer operations must be completed before sustained winds reach gale force (34 kts / 39 mph).
2. All vessel movements within the affected waterways are prohibited with the following exception:
 - Fleet boats may transit light boat in the vicinity of their fleets to conduct necessary safety checks on fleets and/or respond to emergencies without contacting the Vessel Traffic Center prior to movement.
 - Other vessel movements occurring on protected inland waters may be authorized on a case-by-case basis.
 - Except in an emergency or to prevent/mitigate a potentially hazardous condition, all vessels shall contact the Coast Guard prior to movement. If a vessel moves due to an emergency, notify the Coast Guard as soon as practicable.

3. Requests for deviation from the requirements of Port Condition ZULU should be directed to the Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) Port Arthur for the Sabine-Neches Waterway and to MSU Lake Charles for the Calcasieu Waterway.

Questions may be directed as follows:

1. For the Sabine-Neches Waterway: (409) 719-5070 or
"Port Arthur Traffic" on VHF-FM 01A / 65A
2. For the Calcasieu Waterway: (337) 912-0073

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.



M. A. WIKE
Captain, U. S. Coast Guard
Captain of the Port