



**Marine Safety Information Bulletin**  
**10-21**  
**August 28, 2020**  
**Hurricane Ida**  
**SET PORT CONDITION YANKEE**  
**Calcasieu Waterway and Connecting Waters**

Hurricane Ida is classified as a Category 2 Hurricane that is expected to intensify into a Category 3 or more by Sunday with projected landfall along the Louisiana gulf coast.

The 4 P.M. National Weather Service (NWS) advisory continues to indicate a 30-50% chance of tropical storm force winds affecting the Cameron and Calcasieu Parish areas of southwest Louisiana and less than 20% for the Sabine-Neches Waterway within 24-hours.

**The ports of Beaumont, TX; Port Arthur, TX; Orange, TX and the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway from Mile Marker 251 – 316.8 will remain at Port Condition X-RAY.** The guidelines established in MSIB 09-21 remain in effect.

Effective at 5:00 P.M. CDT, August 28, 2021, the Captain of the Port, Port Arthur (COTP) has **set Port Condition YANKEE for the Port of Lake Charles** 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. Tropical storm force winds from **Hurricane Ida** could impact the southwest Louisiana coast with **within 24 hours**. The following guidelines apply:

1. Ocean going vessels bound for the Port of Lake Charles 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 and hoses disconnected before sustained winds reach gale force (34 kts / 39 mph).
3. Mariners are advised that drawbridges will close when wind speeds exceed 35 mph. As a result, mariners are urged to seek passage through drawbridges well in advance of the arrival of gale force winds
4. Self-propelled, oceangoing vessels over 500 gross tons and ocean going barges greater than 500 GT and their supporting tugs should be prepared to get underway immediately or notify the Captain of the Port of their intentions and submit a Remaining In Port Checklist to the Captain of the Port for approval.

5. No barges on the Calcasieu Ship Channel south of mile marker 18 to the Cameron Jetties will be permitted without prior permission from the Captain of the Port.
6. Commercial vessels, including fishing vessels, less than 500 gross tons should seek shelter outside the Calcasieu River Channel.
7. Dredges should ensure equipment is adequately prepared for expected conditions. All pipeline should be adequately secured or sunk to prevent it breaking loose and becoming a hazard to navigation. Notify VTS Port Arthur or the COTP to report the location of equipment and pipeline.

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 “Sever Weather Planning Information for Maritime Stakeholders” is available to assist in planning for hurricane season. Remaining in Port Checklists are available from the Vessel Traffic Service website at <https://www.atlanticarea.uscg.mil/vtsporthur/>, 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/vtsporthur/>. 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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