



Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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September 12, 2021

Tropical Storm Nicholas SET PORT CONDITION X-RAY

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 48-hours. Current projections do not project strengthening to a hurricane, however, the storm is projected to bring significant rainfall to some areas with the possibility of local flooding and associated currents.

Effective at 6:00 P.M. CDT, September 12, 2021, the Captain of the Port (COTP), Port Arthur has **set Port Condition X-RAY** for the Port Arthur COTP Zone 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 316.8. The following guidelines apply:

1. 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. 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. 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.
5. Unattended barges will not be permitted to remain below Mile Marker 18 on the Calcasieu River at Port Condition YANKEE or ZULU.
6. 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 season. 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 (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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