



Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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August 26, 2020

Hurricane Laura

SET PORT CONDITION ZULU

Effective at 6:00 a.m. CDT on August 26, 2020, the U.S. Coast Guard Captain of the Port, Port Arthur has set **Port Condition ZULU** for the ports of Beaumont, TX; Port Arthur, TX; Orange, Texas; and Lake Charles, LA including all tributaries and connecting waterways. Hurricane force winds from **Hurricane Laura** are expected to impact the coasts of southeast Texas and western Louisiana **within 12 hours**. The following restrictions are in effect:

1. Cargo transfer operations must be completed before sustained winds reach gale force (34 kts / 39 mph).
2. Vessel movements within the affected waterways are prohibited with the following exception:
 - a. 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.

Commercial vessels, **including fishing vessels**, less than 500 gross tons should seek shelter north of the Neches River Intersection on the Sabine-Neches Waterway and north of the Intracoastal Waterway on the Calcasieu River.

3. Requests for deviation from requirements for Port Condition ZULU should be directed to the Vessel Traffic Service Port Arthur for consideration. Except in an emergency or to prevent/mitigate a potentially hazardous condition, all vessels shall contact the Vessel Traffic Center prior to movement. If vessels move in the event of an emergency, notify the Vessel Traffic Center as soon as practicable.

Questions may be directed as follows:

1. For the Sabine-Neches Waterway: (409) 719-5070 or
"Port Arthur Traffic" on VHF-FM 01A / 65A
MSU Port Arthur (409)719-1606 or (409) 284-5767
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/vtsportarthur/>. 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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Captain of the Port