



## Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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August 27, 2021

Hurricane Ida

**SET PORT CONDITION X-RAY**

The latest National Weather Service (NWS) advisory for Hurricane Ida indicates tropical storm force winds may affect the MSU Port Arthur Captain of the Port Zone within 48 hours. Currently, Hurricane Ida is classified as a Category 1 Hurricane that is expected to escalate to Category 3 by Sunday evening with projected landfall along the Louisiana gulf coast.

Effective at 5:00 P.M. CDT, August 27, 2021, the Captain of the Port (COTP), Port Arthur has set Port Condition X-RAY and established a safety zone 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. The following guidelines apply:

1. Ocean going vessels and inland tows 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. 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 oceangoing barges greater than 500 GT and their supporting tugs shall continue to plan for immediate departure in the event Port Condition Yankee is set. The COTP shall be notified of all unmanned or "dead ship" vessels within the COTP Zone.
5. 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 and submit a Remain in Port Checklist to the Captain of the Port for approval.
6. All barges on the Calcasieu Ship Channel south of mile marker 18 to the Cameron Jetties need to depart immediately.

7. Commercial vessels, including fishing vessels, less than 500 gross tons should plan to seek shelter north of the Neches River Intersection on the Sabine-Neches Waterway and north of the Intracoastal Waterway on the Calcasieu River.
8. No vessel shall moor or anchor in Taylor Bayou Turning Basin without permission of the Captain of the Port.
9. Dredges should begin removing equipment from the waterway and seeking sheltered moorings. Dredge equipment should be moored and secured no closer than ½ mile from any bridge. 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 "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](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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