

## U.S. Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville

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## **MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN 045-25**

## SET PORT CONDITION FOUR IN THE PORTS OF JACKSONVILLE AND FERNANDINA

Port Conditions are set by the Captain of the Port (COTP) and are used to describe, generally, how prepared the port should be for severe weather. Port conditions will be changed as projected arrival of gale force winds (greater than 34 knots/39mph) associated with tropical storm activity approach the port. Mariners should be aware that there are no "safe havens" identified within the Jacksonville and Fernandina area for a vessel to safely survive hurricane force winds, or storm surges without creating a threat to the safety of the port and public welfare.

Hours Prior to Gales	Port Condition	Measures in Effect	Date
Hurricane Season	Four	The Captain of the Port Jacksonville is notifying the maritime community that the ports of Jacksonville and Fernandina are set to Port Condition FOUR. The ports are OPEN with no restrictions.	01 June 2025 0001 Local Time
72	Whiskey	<ul> <li>All vessels wishing to remain in port must submit a request to the Remain in Port Liaison Officer (RIPLO) at <a href="mailto:jaxdomestic@uscg.mil">jaxdomestic@uscg.mil</a>.</li> </ul>	ТВО
48	X-Ray	<ul> <li>Oceangoing vessels greater than 500 GT ITC, including oceangoing tugs and barges greater than 500 GT ITC, already in port or arriving during PORT CONDITION X-RAY shall continue with preparations and safely depart the port before the setting of PORT CONDITION ZULU.</li> </ul>	TBD
24	Yankee	<ul> <li>All commercial, oceangoing vessels greater than 500 GT, including oceangoing tugs and barges greater than 500 GT are prohibited from entering the port.</li> <li>Oceangoing commercial traffic outbound will be authorized to transit through the port until PORT CONDITION ZULU.</li> <li>All ship to shore cargo operations must cease six hours prior to the setting of PORT CONDITION ZULU.</li> </ul>	TBD
12	Zulu	The port is closed to all vessel traffic and ship to shore cargo operations except those specifically authorized by the COTP.	TBD
After Storm's Passage	All Clear	<ul> <li>The port will be re-opened after a satisfactory assessment of the waterway, including critical aids to navigation, has been conducted.</li> <li>Any Restrictions to operations will be listed here.</li> </ul>	TBD

**RED BOX = CURRENT CONDITION** 

YELLOW HIGHLIGHT = MEASURES REQUIRED

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