



Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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Hurricane Seasonal Alert

The Captain of the Port, Sector Delaware Bay, is setting Hurricane Seasonal Alert on June 1, 2026. Seasonal Alert will remain in effect through November 30, 2026, unless otherwise established. All vessels, facilities, and marinas are asked to take adequate precautions and review the U.S. Coast Guard Sector Delaware Bay Port Hurricane Contingency Plan, and their individual Heavy Weather Plans.

For a copy of the latest Port Hurricane Contingency Plan, log onto Sector Delaware Bay's uscg.mil website at: <https://www.atlanticea.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/District-5/District-Units/Sector-Delaware-Bay/>. Once on the website select the Port Hurricane Contingency Plan tab on the left-hand side of the page or contact Sector Delaware Bay Office of Emergency Management Force Readiness at (206) 815-6850, option 6.

Facility managers and ship agents are requested to ensure that vessels are provided with the contents of the Port Hurricane Contingency Plan and made aware of their responsibilities regarding safety of the port in the event of a hurricane. Agents should generally act as liaisons between the Coast Guard and vessels. Agents should ensure that vessels frequenting Sector Delaware Bay receive a copy of the following applicable attachments, all of which are available on Sector Delaware Bay's uscg.mil website:

1. Storm Preparation Checklist for Vessels (Section 1201).
2. Storm Preparation Checklist for Facilities (Section 1202).
3. Minimum Recommended Precautionary Measures for Ships (Appendix 1).
4. Minimum Recommended Precautionary Measures for Barges (Appendix 2).
5. Storm Preparedness Planning for Oceangoing Barges with Tugs and Oceangoing Vessels "Remaining in Port Checklist" (Appendix 3).

If you have any questions regarding the contents of this bulletin or expectations of the Captain of the Port, please contact the Waterways Management Division at (206) 815-6688, option 3, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. For after-hours inquiries, contact the Coast Guard Command Center at (833) 453-1007.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'K. F. Higgins-Bloom'.

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Captain, U.S. Coast Guard
Captain of the Port, Delaware Bay