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Whiskey Advisory 10-26-12

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HURRICANE ADVISORY

MARITIME CONDITION

Port Condition WHISKEY Set

As of 9:00 a.m. October 26, 2012, The U.S. Coast Guard has established Maritime Condition **WHISKEY** in anticipation of gale force winds in the Baltimore area within **72 hours**. The maritime community is advised to review its hurricane preparedness procedures and monitor weather broadcasts.

The following actions are necessary in preparation for heavy weather:

1. Operations and cargo movement remain normal.



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1. Review individual hurricane preparedness plans. The MPA's Hurricane Preparedness Plan and/or other applicable plans may be found on www.marylandports.com.
1. MPA prepares to initiate weather preparedness work orders.
1. Vessels arrive and depart as normal.
1. Vessels that want to remain moored at MPA facilities must adhere to the following:

Commercial Oceangoing Vessels and Barges Greater than 500 Gross Tons

1. Commercial oceangoing vessels and barges greater than 500 gross tons must seek COTP approval and have a COTP verification number for remaining in Port. This requires submission of a written request to COTP, using the USCG's **Commercial Vessel Authorization Checklist/Survey**.
1. For commercial oceangoing vessels and barges greater than 500 gross tons, permission must be granted by the COTP Baltimore before MPA will consider allowing a vessel to remain at its berths. The MPA requires that the vessel requests permission in writing and submits a completed Commercial Vessel authorization Checklist/Survey. The MPA Director of Operations or designee will determine whether to grant permission to the vessel, depending on operational considerations. A person of authority who can legally bind the corporation or entity must sign a Right of Entry.
1. The COTP Baltimore directs vessel movements and usually orders vessels greater than 500 gross tons to anchorage or to sea if conditions permit. Advanced planning and timely



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coordination with the MPA and the COTP will be critical in determining the safest course of action for each vessel.

Vessels with COTP's Preapproval to Remain in Port

1. Vessels with COTP preapproval to remain in port should verify that the approved plan remains valid and notify the COTP of their intentions. If any of these vessels are moored at an MPA facility, The MPA Director of Operations or designee will determine whether to grant permission to the vessel, depending on operational considerations.

Vessels Less Than 500 Gross Tons

1. Any vessel less than 500 gross tons must complete the USCG's Commercial Vessel Authorization Checklist/Survey, submit to MPA, and request permission from the MPA to remain in port. The MPA Director of Operations or designee will determine whether to grant permission to the vessel, depending on operational considerations. A person of authority who can legally bind the corporation or entity must sign a Right of Entry.

Vessels Requesting Permission to Remain at Anchorage

1. . Vessels electing to remain at anchorage in Baltimore Harbor or Chesapeake Bay must notify the COTP Baltimore. These arrangements must be confirmed when maritime condition YANKEE has been set or sooner.

Precautionary Measures for Moored or Anchored Vessels



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1. **Recommended Precautionary Measures for Ships and Recommended Precautionary Measures for Barges** remaining moored or anchored in port are included in the COTP Upper Chesapeake Bay Hurricane Contingency Plan. Also owners of vessels and barges should review the **Hurricane Prep Checklist for Ships and Barges**. These checklists/surveys/forms can be found in U.S.C.G Hurricane Contingency Plan. <http://homeport.uscg.mil/mycg/portal/ep/home.do>

Click Port Directory, then under Safety & Security Section, click COTP Orders-Local Contingency Plans, then click Upper Chesapeake Maritime Hurricane Contingency Plan 2009.

Additional information: _____

Any questions regarding vessel preparedness, contact USCG (410-576-2693) or MPA Operations (410-633-1077).