Coast Guard Sector Houston-Galveston
Marine Safety Information Bulletin 19-24

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HURRICANE BERYL
Port Condition Zulu

The Captain of the Port (COTP) has set Port Condition Zulu to be implemented by 1600 on Sunday, July 7, 2024 for the ports of Houston, Galveston, Freeport and Texas City. Heavy weather from Hurricane Beryl is expected to make landfall within 12 hours. A temporary safety zone is in effect for that portion of Sector Houston-Galveston's Captain of the Port Zone (as defined in 33 CFR 3.40-28) west of GIWW MM-319.5 to include the ports of Houston, Galveston, Freeport and Texas City and all surrounding navigable waterways.

- All vessels are prohibited from transiting within the safety zone without the approval of the COTP or Vessel Traffic Service Houston/Galveston. Necessary final movements will be coordinated by Vessel Traffic Service Houston/Galveston. "Houston Traffic" guard VHF 05A, 11, 12, 13, and 21A and can be contacted on (281) 464-4837.
- All vessels remaining in port must be properly secured at the designated facility or fleeting area with AIS energized.
- Vessels and facilities are to advise the COTP of any unusual or dangerous conditions during their final inspection or via their PCT representative or to VTS Houston/Galveston.
- Assist vessels and fleeting vessel with approval or acknowledgment from VTS may tend vessels as needed.
- Vessels may only continue transits to safe refuge with approval or acknowledgment from VTS.
- All cargo and bunkering operations must cease.

This MSIB supersedes MSIB 18-24. Please address questions to the Sector Houston-Galveston Command Center at (866) 539-8114. This bulletin shall remain active until cancelled or superseded by another bulletin.

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Captain of the Port