



Port Community Information Bulletin # 06-19
Sector St. Petersburg, Florida (727) 824-7506

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PORT CONDITION X-RAY (48 HOUR ALERT): HURRICANE DORIAN

Due to the possibility of gale force winds (35-43 MPH) entering the Tampa Bay area within 48 hours, the Captain of the Port (COTP) is ordering **Port Hurricane Condition X-RAY at 2000 today for the ports of Tampa, St. Petersburg, Manatee, and Ft. Myers.** HURRICANE DORIAN is currently located southeast of Tampa Bay.

Prohibited Operations: None

Authorized Operations: All

Current Actions: Waterfront facilities should remove potential flying debris, hazardous materials and oil pollution hazards from dockside areas. Facilities should continue to implement container stacking protocols. Coast Guard Port Assessment Teams are conducting port surveys. All oceangoing commercial vessels greater than 500 gross tons must prepare to depart the port and shall depart the port immediately if **Port Hurricane Condition YANKEE** is set. The COTP may require additional precautions to ensure the safety of the ports and waterways.

Future Actions: Ports, facilities and operators should anticipate the setting of Port Hurricane Condition YANKEE. If set, terminal operators should prepare to terminate all cargo operations. It would not preclude truck operations or container movement within the facility.

Drawbridges in the area may cease operations as early as eight hours prior to the anticipated arrival of sustained gale force winds or when an evacuation is in progress. **During lock-down, the bridge is closed, power is turned off, traffic arms may be removed, the control house is secured and the bridge operator is sent to safety.**

Questions regarding this PCIB or required actions, should be directed to LCDR Micah Bonner at (727) 824-7506 or to your Port Heavy Weather Advisory Group representative.

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