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Update to Enclosure 1 of Captain of the Port (COTP) Policy Letter 01-17

Vessel of Concern (VOC) is defined as a vessel carrying Especially Hazardous Cargos or of a class or type, with a certain size or maneuvering characteristics, that requires special handling while transiting within Tampa Bay.

Enclosure 1 of COTP Policy Letter 01-17 titled *Safe Navigation Guidelines for Tampa Bay* addresses the arrival and departure of a single VOC as well as the arrival and departure of multiple VOC(s) on the same calendar day based on local time. To facilitate safe and timely movements of vessels within the port, it is essential that all affected vessel traffic adhere to these guidelines. These guidelines do not supersede or negate security zone regulations as defined in 33 CFR 165.703.

In order to better facilitate movements of multiple cruise ships, the Captain of the Port has amended the guidelines to expand the cruise ship arrival start-up window from 0300-0500 to 0230-0500.

Please direct any questions to LCDR Micah Bonner at (813) 228-2191 ext. 8130.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "H. L. Najarian".

H. L. Najarian
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard
Captain of the Port