

## Port Community Information Bulletin # 10-19

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## Port Condition V (01 December - 31 May)

The 2019 hurricane season ended on November 30<sup>th</sup>. As such, the Captain of the Port has set Port Condition V for the ports of Tampa, St. Petersburg, and Manatee along with all terminals, facilities, and waterways in Sector St. Petersburg's area of responsibility. Tropical storms and hurricanes occurring outside the official season are rare, but possible. The following restriction remains in effect:

• One way traffic in Egmont Channel (day and night) for vessels with drafts greater than 34 feet.

Your diligent preparations during the 2019 hurricane season played a vital role in our collective ability to keep our ports and waterways safe and secure. I encourage you to use this off season period to review and exercise your heavy weather contingency plans in preparation for the 2020 hurricane season and onset of Port Condition IV (01 June – 30 November).

M. A. Thompson Captain, U.S. Coast Guard Captain of the Port

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