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MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN (MSIB 47-16) Port condition YANKEE

As Captain of the Port, Charleston, South Carolina, I have set Port Condition **YANKEE** for coastal South Carolina. Threatening winds (34 kts/39 mph) from Hurricane Matthew are possible along the coast of South Carolina within 24 hours.

Port Status: Coastal South Carolina ports are open to outbound vessel traffic only. Commercial inbound vessels are restricted from entering the port, and are advised to seek an alternate destination unless expressly authorized by me or my designated representative.

Vessels greater than 500 gross tons currently in port should make preparations to get underway at this time, while all other vessels remaining in port are to take appropriate precautionary measures to secure their vessels.

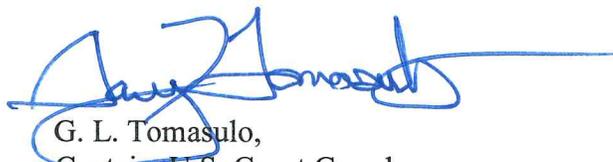
During Port Condition YANKEE, facilities should commence termination of cargo handling operations. Appropriate container stacking protocols must be finalized.

Commercial vessel operators and recreational boat owners should trailer their vessels if possible or ensure their vessels are secured at berth and will not pose a hazard to surrounding vessels, the navigable channel, or the environment.

Port users are reminded that drawbridges may not be operating when sustained wind speeds reach 25 MPH or when evacuation is in progress.

I will set Port Condition ZULU within 12 hours of expected tropical storm force winds. Future Port Conditions are set contingent upon the storm's course and speed. Should the storm increase in speed, Condition ZULU may be set sooner.

For further information contact Coast Guard Sector Charleston Command Center at: (843) 740-7050. For authorization to deviate from actions required during port condition YANKEE, please contact my Waterways Management staff at (843) 740-3184.



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