MSIB 364-22 - Port Condition ZULU (Modified)

Summary: Due to the approach of storm force winds, the Coast Guard Sector Virginia Captain of the Port will set Port Condition ZULU (modified) at 3:00 a.m. tomorrow September 30, 2022.

Restrictions: Effective 3:00 a.m., Friday, September 30, 2022, the coastal waters of Virginia from Cape Charles Light south to the Virginia-North Carolina border are open to all vessel traffic and commercial activities.

Given the forecasted weather, the restrictions are anticipated to be removed at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 1, 2022. Notification will be made to the maritime community when the Port of Virginia remains open to vessel traffic and commercial activities, subject to possible restrictions on a case-by-case basis due to weather conditions.

Situation: The National Weather Service anticipates issuing a storm warning for much of the Chesapeake Bay, its tributaries, and the coastal waters of southeast Virginia. Surfs conditions are expected from Friday morning through Monday due to strong winds and 9-11 foot seas offshore of Cape Henry.

Monitoring: Vessels at facilities shall carefully monitor their moorings and cargo operations. Vessels anchored shall prepare for heavy winds. Additional anchor(s) should be considered.

Mariners should consider altering plans to avoid possible hazardous conditions. Remain in port, seek safe harbor, alter course, and secure the vessel for severe wind and wave conditions. Please note that higher wind speeds may affect the Coast Guard's ability to respond to emergencies.

Due to the high winds, regional bridge operations may be impacted.

Mariners are advised to monitor the latest forecasts from the National Weather Service. For urgent safety of life issues, please contact the Sector Virginia Command Center on VHF-FM Channel 16 or call (757) 463-8567. For any other questions, contact 33 CFR 6.165.501.

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