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MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN 7-09

Port Status Zulu (severe weather conditions projected within 12 hrs) is set as of 1500 CDT, 9 NOV 2009, for Captain of the Port Mobile (COTP) Area of Operations

1. **Information for the Marine Industry:** Hurricane Ida has been downgraded to a tropical storm entering the Gulf of Mexico. The system appears to be moving north - northeast. Current models project that the tropical storm will make landfall and impact the Mobile Captain of the Port Area of Responsibility (AOR) with high winds and storm surge.
2. **Current port and waterway status:**
 - a. As of 1500 CDT, all waterways in the Mobile AOR are closed to all traffic with the below mariner guidelines (see paragraph 3).
 - b. It is expected that Tropical Storm Ida will affect waterways from mile marker 40 to mile marker 432 (Pearl River, Mississippi Sound to St Marks, FL) of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway to include the ports of Gulfport, Pascagoula, Mobile, Pensacola, and Panama City.
 - c. The COTP may issue additional MSIBs as the weather system approaches. Mariners throughout the COTP Mobile AOR are encouraged to use all means available to monitor the path of Tropical Storm Ida and take all necessary actions as the storm approaches.
3. **Mariner Guidelines:** The following guidelines are provided in order to make preparations for the onset of Tropical Storm Ida. At this time, all waterways from **mile marker 40 to 432 of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway to include the ports of Gulfport, Pascagoula, Mobile, Pensacola, and Panama City in the Mobile Area of Responsibility are required to TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS.**

PORT STATUS ZULU (gale force winds expected within 12 hours):

General Description of Port Activity: As of 1500 CDT, 9 NOV 2009, port is closed for all commerce. All facility and vessel operations are suspended.

- a. The Coast Guard will conduct a final survey of all ports, vessels, facilities, and waterways to determine their present state of readiness and to ensure the port is secured and ready for tropical storm force winds and projected storm surge.
- b. The COTP has suspended all facility and vessel operations.

All Oceangoing Commercial Vessels and CG Regulated Barges Over 300 GT:

- c. All vessel movements and cargo-handling operations are suspended.
- d. If vessel is authorized by COTP to remain in port, ensure the vessel is securely moored and prepared for severe weather conditions.
- e. Report hazardous conditions or breakaway of vessels directly to the COTP Mobile via the **Sector Mobile Command Center (251-441-5976) immediately.**

Waterfront Facilities:

- f. All waterfront facility cargo-handling operations are suspended.
4. Mariners are advised that movable bridges within the COTP Mobile AOR close at port status Zulu.
 5. Further questions may be addressed by contacting Sector Mobile at (251) 441-6965 or (251) 441-5976.



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