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PORT OF BOSTON BULLETIN

Hurricane Season

Port of Boston
To all concerned:

Though most tropical storms impact New England during the months of August and September, the 2011 hurricane season for the North Atlantic commenced June 1st and will continue through November 30th. If you have not done so already, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Boston encourages you to review your severe weather preparedness. Now is the time to consider the actions you would take in the event of a hurricane. These actions should include internal and external communication procedures, as well as methods of minimizing storm damage and environmental risk, such as doubling up mooring lines, securing transfers, ballasting down storage tanks and draining transfer lines.

A tabletop or walk-through exercise is a good way to review your contingency plans, make improvements if necessary, and introduce new personnel to their responsibilities should a hurricane strike the area. If you feel it would be beneficial for Coast Guard personnel to be involved with your exercise evaluation or plan development, please contact USCG Sector Boston at (617) 223-3399.

Should a storm threaten Sector Boston's Area of Responsibility, a notification message will be sent to area facility and commercial vessel owners via our Alert Notification System (ANS) to establish communications and coordinate preparations with all stakeholders. If you are not currently in the ANS data base and feel that you should be, please contact the Sector Boston Command Center at (617) 233-5757 or D01-SMB-SecBosCC@uscg.mil.

Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency is actively promoting hurricane preparedness through weekly news releases as well as workshops and exercises. More information is available on the MEMA website at www.mass.gov/mema.

For maritime emergencies during an actual hurricane or severe weather event contact the Sector Command Center at (617) 223-5750 or VHF channel 16 for immediate assistance. Additionally, please check <http://homeport.uscg.mil/Boston> often for updates to the public from the US Coast Guard.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. N. HEALEY" followed by a stylized flourish and the letters "FO2".

J. N. HEALEY
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard
Captain of the Port, Boston