



## **Marine Safety Information Bulletin**

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### **Port Condition X-Ray: Tropical Cyclone Six**

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Potential Tropical Cyclone Six is expected to strengthen into a tropical storm within the next 24 hours. Tropical-storm-force winds could impact the coast of Mexico within 48 hours, and additional watches may be issued for the far southern Texas coast tonight. The system is projected to reach hurricane strength by midweek as it approaches the northwestern Gulf Coast, with the greatest risks expected to be along the Upper Texas and Louisiana coastlines starting Tuesday night. As a precautionary measure, the U.S. Coast Guard Captain of the Port Corpus Christi (COTP) has set Port Condition X-ray for all ports servicing deep draft vessels in the COTP zone area of responsibility from the Colorado Locks to the U.S. Mexico border (including the ports of Port Lavaca-Point Comfort, Palacios, Victoria, West Calhoun, Corpus Christi, Port Mansfield, Harlingen, Port Isabel, and Brownsville), effective 8:00 p.m. on September 8, 2024.

Vessels requesting to remain at their moorings during the storm shall obtain permission from the COTP, and coordinate with the owner, operator, or person-in-charge of the waterfront facility and determine the conditions the facility will require. Owners, operators, or agents of all self-propelled oceangoing vessels over 500GT and all barges and their supporting tugs departing the port must depart not later than 12 hours prior to the arrival of gale force winds. Vessels bound for these ports, which are unable to depart 12 hours prior to the arrival of gale force winds are advised to seek an alternate destination.

Mariners are reminded that the Corpus Christi Inner Harbor Security Zone (33 CFR 165.809) remains in effect during severe weather. Recreational, commercial fishing and passenger vessels are not permitted to enter the security zone without permission of the COTP. Vessels must have a prearranged agreement with the COTP to enter the Inner Harbor as a safe refuge.

The COTP will impose vessel traffic control measures significantly limiting vessel movement and activities when gale force winds are within 24 hours of the port. Port Condition Checklists are in MSIB 32-24, under the Corpus Christi Port Directory on Homeport. Mariners and facilities are requested to observe weather reports and stand by for further direction.

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By Direction of the Captain of the Port