



Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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PORT CONDITION X-RAY FOR CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE CAPTAIN OF THE PORT MOBILE AREA OF OPERATIONS

(Gale force winds are predicted within 48 hours)

Weather Advisory Port Condition X-RAY

Time: 10 A.M. / Date: Tuesday, September 24, 2024

1. Information for the Marine Industry: Due to the possibility of gale force winds (39-73 mph) associated with Tropical Storm Helene entering Sector Mobile's area of responsibility within 48 hours, the Captain of the Port (COTP) has ordered **Port Status X-RAY** for the GIWW between MM 120 and MM 376, and the Ports of Mobile, Pensacola, Panama City, and Port St. Joe. All other ports and the GIWW west of MM 120 remain in Port Condition **NORMAL** at this time. Current weather forecasts could change within the next 12 hours.
2. Current port and waterway status:
 - a. GIWW MM 120 - MM 376: X-RAY
 - b. Port of St. Joe: X-RAY
 - c. Port of Panama City: X-RAY
 - d. Port of Pensacola: X-RAY
 - e. Port of Mobile: X-RAY
 - f. Port of Pascagoula: NORMAL
 - g. Port of Gulfport: NORMAL
3. The COTP may issue additional MSIBs as the weather system approaches and Port Conditions change. Mariners throughout the COTP Mobile AOR are encouraged to use all means available to monitor the path of Tropical Storm Helene and remain prepared to take actions if the storm path changes.
4. Mariner Guidelines: The following guidelines are provided to make preparations for the onset weather system.
5. Mariners are advised that movable bridges may close as early as 12 hours prior to the forecasted arrival of gale force winds within the COTP Mobile AOR.

Port Status X-RAY is ordered at this time and the following actions are required:

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

Ports and mariners are cautioned that the COTP Mobile may quickly set Port Status Yankee and further conditions as the situation develops.

Questions may be addressed by contacting Sector Mobile Command Center at (833) 662-8724.



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Captain of the Port

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- Annexes:** Annex A – Remaining in Port Checklists for Oceangoing Vessels
Annex B – Storm Preparation Checklist
 Appendix 1 – Recommended Precautionary Measures for Ships
 Appendix 2 – Recommended Precautionary Measures for Barges
Annex C – Storm Preparation Checklist for Waterfront Facilities