



Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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Significant Storm in the Pennsylvania, New Jersey & Delaware Region

The COTP has determined the Ports of Philadelphia, Camden, Wilmington and surrounding areas will likely experience heavy rains, gale force winds, increased seas, surf, coastal flooding, and tidal surge over the next 24 – 72 hours. Members of the port community should take adequate precautions. In preparation for high winds, the following provisions are implemented:

- Vessels should have effective mooring and anchorage arrangements for anticipated high wind; vessel agents are asked to notify vessel masters of this provision.
- Facilities should minimize debris that could become missile hazards.
- Lightering, bunkering, and cargo operations must cease in the Delaware Bay COTP zone when sustained winds reach 40 mph.

In the event that the COTP imposes port restrictions, they will be broadcasted on VHF-FM Channel 16. Additionally, all notifications will be forwarded to the Maritime Exchange and will be available as requested.

Questions regarding the contents of this bulletin or expectations of the Captain of the Port can be directed to (215) 271-4807 or (267) 515-7294.

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