



## Marine Safety Information Bulletin (MSIB) 19-017, Tropical Storm Dorian

### Weather Advisory Port Condition WHISKEY - 72 HOUR ALERT Time: 12:00 P.M. / Date: August 28, 2019

In accordance with the National Hurricane Center forecast issued at 0830 EDT on Wednesday, August 28, 2019, Tropical Storm Dorian is approximately 20 miles east of Puerto Rico moving North West at 13 mph with max sustained winds of 60 mph. Sustained tropical storm force winds (39-73 mph / 34-63 knots) are expected to reach South Florida within 72 to 96 hours.

As a result, the Captain of the Port (COTP) has ordered **Port Condition WHISKEY** be set at 12:00 p.m. August 28, 2019 for the following:

**Miami River, Port of Miami, Port Everglades, Port of Palm Beach, Port of Ft. Pierce, and all remaining terminals and facilities within Sector Miami's area of responsibility.**

**Prohibited Operations:** None at this time.

#### **Current Actions:**

- Waterfront facilities should remove potential flying debris, hazardous materials and oil pollution hazards from dockside areas.
- Facility operators should ensure open areas on docks, wharves, and piers are cleared of all missile hazards.
- Facility operators should notify the COTP of any labeled dangerous cargo which must remain in open areas by reason of insufficient shed space or stowage regulations. Items such as drums should be banded on pallets or laid horizontally with secure dunnage.
- Container stacking plans should be implemented. Container terminal operators shall reduce general cargo container stack heights to no more than two high for containers containing hazardous materials, no more than four high for all other containers, or propose alternate securing arrangements to the COTP. View MSIB 12-013 for Container Stacking Lessons Learned from Tropical Storm ISAAC, available at <http://homeport.uscg.mil/miami>.
- Hazardous materials should be removed from areas prone to flooding.
- All manned, self-propelled, oceangoing vessels moored or at anchor should set a navigation watch, maintain a listening watch on Channel 16 VHF-FM.
- Masters, owners, operators, or agents of oceangoing commercial vessels greater than 500 gross tons that must remain in port during the storm because of operational system problems, must request and receive permission from the COTP before the setting of Port Condition X-Ray.

- The COTP shall be notified of all unmanned or “dead” vessels within the COTP Miami Zone.
- All practicable and reasonable measures should be taken to ensure maximum stability on all vessels.
- The COTP will conduct preliminary checks to uncover unsafe conditions in port areas, especially in vulnerable areas. Maritime and port interests should conduct preliminary checks of their own and advise the COTP of any circumstances that cannot be corrected within 24 hours.
- All oceangoing commercial vessels completing cargo-handling or passenger operations should be prepared to depart the port as soon as possible and seek calm waters elsewhere if deemed necessary under future port conditions.
- All small craft that can be hauled out or placed on trailers should be secured. All other small craft should seek safe haven in sheltered locations.

**Anticipated Actions:**

All ports in the Miami COTP Zone should be following this storm closely and prepare for the setting of Hurricane Port Condition X-RAY. The COTP anticipates setting Port Condition X-RAY at 12:00 p.m., August 29, 2019, depending on the latest National Hurricane Center forecast.

Questions regarding this MSIB or required actions should be directed to the Sector Miami Waterways Management by telephone at (786) 295-9051.

Marine Safety Information Bulletin updates are available on Homeport at <http://homeport.uscg.mil/miami> under “Port Conditions”.

The COTP may be reached by telephone at (305) 535-4472, or via Channel 16 VHF FM Marine Radio through Coast Guard Sector Miami.



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