



Marine Safety Information Bulletin (MSIB) 22-024, Subtropical Storm NICOLE

Weather Advisory
Port Condition YANKEE - 24 HOUR ALERT
Time: 8:00 A.M. / Date: November 8, 2022

According to the National Hurricane Center forecast issued at 7:00 A.M. on November 8, 2022, Subtropical Storm NICOLE is moving WNW at 8 mph with maximum sustained winds of 50 mph. Sustained tropical storm force winds (39-73 mph / 34-63 knots) are expected to reach South Florida within 24 hours.

As a result, the Captain of the Port (COTP) has ordered **Port Condition YANKEE** set at 8:00 A.M. November 8, 2022 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: Waterfront cargo handling operations not associated with storm preparations.

Current Actions:

- Inbound vessels greater than 500 GT will not be permitted to enter ports, berths, anchorages or inland navigable waters up to three nautical miles offshore, unless authorized by the COTP.
- Oceangoing vessels greater than 500 gross tons must depart ports, berths or anchorages unless prior permission to remain has been granted by the COTP.
- Following the departure of oceangoing vessels greater than 500 GT, the COTP will exempt drawbridges from opening regulatory requirements to enable them to begin bridge lockdown process.
- Waterfront facilities must terminate cargo handling operations not associated with storm preparations. Cargo operations associated with storm preparations include moving cargo within or off the port, crane and other port/facility equipment preparations, and similar activities.
- Waterfront facilities may not perform land-based containerized truck cargo operations unless specifically authorized by the COTP.
- All waterfront facilities shall follow their approved facility security plans and comply with the requirements of the Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA).
- Moving cargo, or passengers, onto the port or any vessel loading/discharging operations is **not** authorized unless specifically authorized by the COTP.
- Appropriate container stacking protocol shall be completed.

Anticipated Actions:

All ports in the Miami COTP Zone should be following this storm closely and prepare for the setting of Port Condition ZULU. The COTP anticipates setting Port Condition ZULU 12 hours before sustained tropical storm force winds. Should Port Condition ZULU be set, the following measures will be implemented:

- All waterfront facility operations are suspended, except for final preparations previously permitted by the COTP, as deemed necessary, to ensure the safety of the facilities.
- All oceangoing vessels greater than 500 GT shall have departed the ports, berths or anchorages unless otherwise authorized by the COTP.
- Oceangoing vessels greater than 500 GT with COTP authorization to remain within COTP zone must implement their reviewed mooring arrangements.
- Vessels remaining in port shall ballast down, have the outboard anchor at short stay, maximize the use of mooring lines, maintain standby power, set a navigation watch, and guard Channel 16 VHF-FM.
- Oil transfer terminals shall ensure that all loading arms and transfer hoses are drained of all product, blank-flanged and secured to the deck.
- Anticipate drawbridges in all counties (Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, Martin, St Lucie, and Indian River) to be in full lock-down by 8:00 P.M. on November 8, 2022.

Questions regarding this MSIB or required actions should be directed to the Marine Transportation System Recovery Unit by telephone at (786) 295-9051.

Marine Safety Information Bulletin updates are on Homeport at <http://homeport.uscg.mil/port-directory/miami> under "Port Conditions".

The COTP may be reached by telephone at (833) 642-7271, or via Channel 16 VHF FM Marine Radio through Coast Guard Sector Miami.



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