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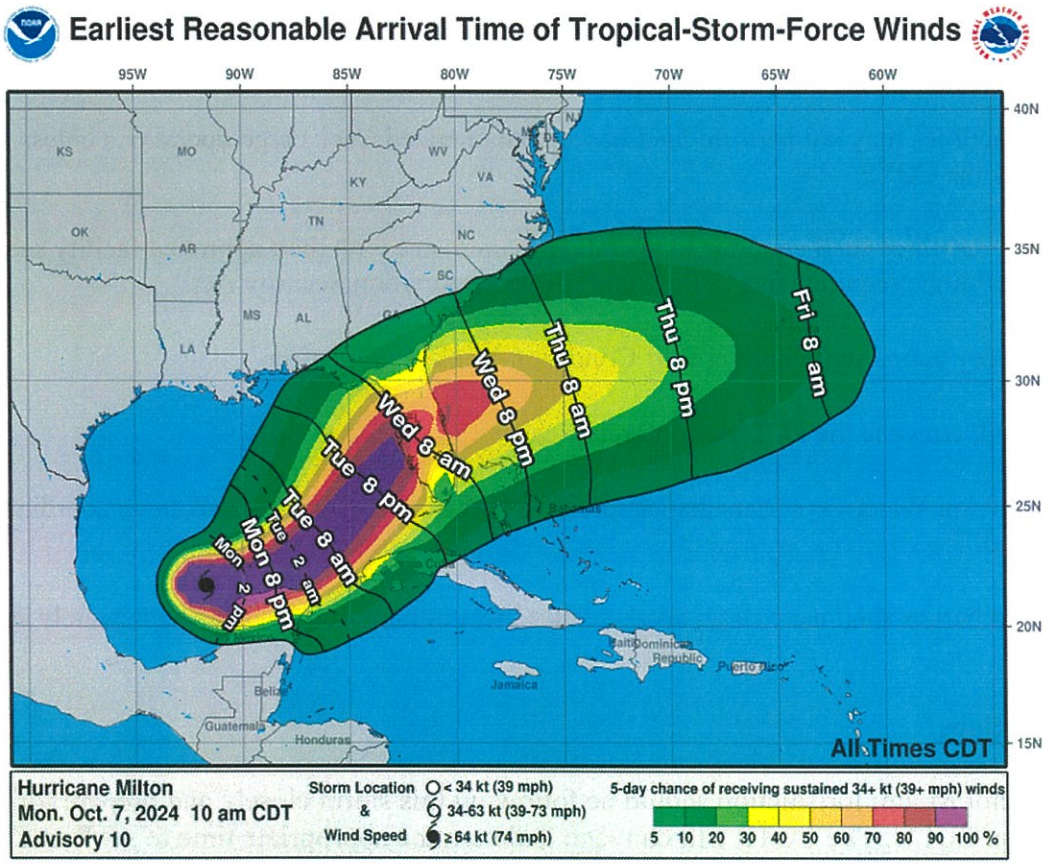
Marine Safety Information Bulletin (MSIB) 24-017, Tropical Storm Milton Port of Palm Beach, Port of Fort Pierce, Port Everglades, Port of Miami, Miami River

Weather Advisory
Port Condition YANKEE - 24 HOUR ALERT
Time: 12:00 A.M. / Date: October 8, 2024

Based on the National Hurricane Center forecast issued at 11:00 A.M. on Sunday, October 07, 2024, Hurricane Milton is currently northwest of the Yucatan peninsula moving East-Southeast at 9 mph with max sustained winds of 155 mph as of the most recent advisory. It is currently a Category 5 hurricane, projected to turn northward towards the west coast of Florida and make landfall Tuesday night or Wednesday morning, weakening to Category 3 but remaining a major hurricane. The forecast indicates sustained tropical storm force winds (39-73 mph / 34-63 knots) will arrive in South Florida within 24 hours. Areas of heavy rainfall are expected to impact portions of Florida for the remaining days ahead of the tropical system, with more rainfall directly from the system through Wednesday.



As a result, the Captain of the Port (COTP) has ordered **Port Condition YANKEE** beginning at 12:00 A.M. October 8, 2024, for the following areas:

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: Entry of inbound vessels over 500 GT, Cargo operations without explicit COTP approval

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.
- Oceangoing vessels greater than 500 GT 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. Bridge lockdown process ***may*** begin as early as 16 hours prior to the arrival of sustained tropical storm force winds in some instances, which will result in some bridges unable to open well before full bridge lockdown is achieved eight hours prior to the arrival if sustained tropical storm force winds.
- Appropriate container stacking protocol must be completed.
- Waterfront facilities operators must terminate all cargo 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 waterway facilities shall continue to operate in accordance with their approved facility security plans and comply with the requirements of the Maritime Transportation Security Act.
- CG Port Survey teams will conduct Port Condition Yankee validation.
- The COTP will convene the PCT via conference call.
- The Sector Miami Waterways Management division will convene a bridge lockdown coordination conference call.
- All petroleum barges shall have cargo levels reduced to a minimum and shall be adequately secured.

Anticipated Actions:

Ports within Sector Miami jurisdiction should be following this storm closely and prepare for the setting of Port Condition ZULU. The COTP will convene to determine appropriate time to set Port Condition ZULU effective tomorrow morning, implementing the following requirements:

- All affected 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. Vessels greater than 500 GT with COTP authorization to remain within COTP zone must implement their CG reviewed mooring arrangements.

- Anticipate bridge lockdown may be completed as early as eight hours prior to the arrival of sustained tropical storm force winds, based on the earliest reasonable arrival time.

- CG Port Survey Teams will conduct final port assessments.

- Safety and/or security personnel wishing to remain at a waterfront facility shall follow the applicable facility policies and procedures and advise the COTP of their intentions.

- The COTP will convene the PCT via conference call.

Direct all questions regarding this MSIB or required actions to the Sector Miami Waterways Management by telephone at (786) 295-9051.

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

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

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