August 21, 2018

HARBOR MASTER NOTICE – OAHU DISTRICT
Re: Closure of Honolulu and Kalaeloa Barbers Point Harbors

Honolulu and Kalaeloa Barbers Point Harbors are critical lifelines for the State of Hawaii. Every resident and visitor rely on our harbors to deliver essential supplies, with Honolulu Harbor providing the critical hub for each island. In order to protect our most crucial asset, our ports, it is incumbent upon each harbor user to do their part in protecting our infrastructure. Upon the direction of the United States Coast Guard (USCG) and the State of Hawaii, vessels must leave our harbors, so we can properly protect our piers and ensure vessels have a safe port to which they can return and begin to supply our state as quickly as possible following a heavy weather event.

In anticipation of heavy weather associated with the arrival of Hurricane LANE, the USCG, in coordination with DOT-Harbors, has implemented, and anticipates implementing, the following:

➢ The USCG has implemented “Condition X-Ray” for the island of Oahu as of 1100 hrs., TUESDAY August 21, 2018. Condition X-Ray is set 48 hours before 34 knot winds are anticipated to impact a commercial port. All ocean going commercial vessels and ocean going barges greater than 200 gross tons must make plans for departing the port area if they do not have specific permission from the USCG Captain of the Port and DOT-Harbors to remain. Vessels will be required to complete cargo operations and begin departing the port within 24 hours after Condition X-RAY is set.

➢ The USCG anticipates implementing “Condition Yankee” by 1100 hrs., WEDNESDAY August 22, 2018, at which time all fueling operations will cease. Condition Yankee is set 24 hours before 34 knot winds are anticipated to impact a commercial port. Cargo operators must, upon implementation of Condition Yankee, complete the securing of cargo operations at their facilities and begin departures to sea to avoid the storm.

All vessels, regardless of size, that have not already received express permission by USCG and DOT-Harbors to remain in port, are hereby ordered to depart Honolulu Harbor and Kalaeloa Barbers Point Harbor on or before the setting of “Condition Zulu”. It is the responsibility of all owners and agents to properly book departure times and arrange any required services such as pilots and tugs. Vessel traffic is expected to be
heavier than normal due to the anticipated port closure. All vessel movements must be properly scheduled in PORTCALL.

➢ The USCG anticipates implementing “Condition Zulu” by 2300 hrs., WEDNESDAY August 22, 2018. Condition Zulu is set 12 hours before 34 knot winds are anticipated to impact a commercial port. There is only a 12-hour window at most between “Yankee” and “Zulu”. All vessels must have departed by the implementation of “Condition Zulu” unless specific permission to remain in port has been granted by USCG and DOT-Harbors. The USCG will close the port to all traffic both inbound and outbound at this point unless a vessel operator has specific authorization from the USCG Captain of the Port.

Failure of any vessel owner or agent to comply with this official order, may subject them to fines and penalties per the authority granted to DOT-Harbors under the Hawaii Revised Statutes and the Hawaii Administrative Rules.

Once our harbors are reopened, vessel owners and agents can begin the process for their return. This process will also require all owners and agents to make proper bookings and arrange for required services ahead of time. Please ensure that PORTCALL is updated with your request for berthing information.

Sincerely,

Peter Pillone
Commercial Harbors Manager / Harbormaster