

Marine Safety Information Bulletin 25-003



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY



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Hurricane Season Preparedness

The United States Coast Guard Captain of the Port (COTP) has set Hurricane Season Preparedness for the Hawaiian Islands for the duration of the Pacific Area hurricane season, from June 1st to November 30th.

In preparation for the upcoming hurricane season, port users shall take the time to review their heavy weather plans for all vessels and facilities. For operators of vessels wishing to remain in port during a heavy weather event, you must submit a mooring plan to the Coast Guard and State of Hawaii Division of Harbors (if planning to moor in a State owned/operated harbor). In general, vessels will NOT be permitted to enter or remain in "lay-up" status during Hurricane Season. The COTP, in consultation with DOT-Harbors, will review each request to remain in port on a case-by-case basis.

All **vessel and barge operators** with COTP permission (and DOT-Harbors where applicable) to remain in port during severe weather must ensure storm moorings are in place. Tests must be conducted of all emergency systems, including communications and power systems, and all required equipment must be on hand and operational. Further, vessel and barge operators must provide the COTP with an updated list of all vessels and barges moored at any facility for more than 30 days. Please submit your list to: D14-DG-SH-SecHono-MTSRU@uscg.mil.

All **terminal and facility operators** shall review emergency procedures as set forth in their operations manual for hurricane readiness and cargo stowage requirements. Operators should review engineering surveys to identify areas of significant or existing damage or waste which may not withstand strong winds.

Any questions or concerns regarding the upcoming hurricane season and port preparedness should be directed to the USCG Sector Honolulu Command Center at (808) 842-2600. Updates will be sent via our port partner email distribution list.

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