



STATE OF HAWAII | KA MOKU'ĀINA 'O HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION | KA 'OIHANA ALAKAU
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HILO, HAWAII 96720

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HARBOR MASTER NOTICE
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HURRICANE FAUSTO

Hurricane FAUSTO is currently tracking towards the Hawaiian Islands, with potentially serious impacts to the island of Hawaii. With the current track, a closure of Hilo and Kawaihae Harbor could be ordered by the United States Coast Guard Captain of the Port (COTP), by the setting of heavy weather port condition ZULU. The State of Hawaii imports 85% of its goods and 91% passes through the commercial ports for just-in-time arrivals of goods and supplies. To ensure the flow of cargo and continuation of operations, the State of Hawaii Department of Transportation, Harbors is requesting all vessels to prepare for departure in advance of the COTP setting of heavy weather port condition ZULU.

In accordance with Marine Safety Information Bulletin (MSIB) 26-005, the COTP anticipates setting heavy weather port condition WHISKEY for the commercial ports on the island of Hawaii as of 2000hrs, July 24, 2026. Should the COTP set heavy weather condition ZULU, all vessels must evacuate Hilo and Kawaihae Harbors prior to that time, unless provided an approved request to remain in port.

Please monitor all relevant news and weather sources for more information regarding the storm. Updates on the current port conditions will be provided by future USCG issued MSIBs. Port status can be found at <https://navcen.uscg.gov/port-status>, as well as by monitoring VHF channel 16 and 22A for broadcast notice to mariners. Please prepare early and depart well in advance of the storm.

Additional information regarding Heavy Weather Port Conditions may be found at <https://www.pacificarea.uscg.mil/Portals/8/Oceania%20District/SectHono/docs/Port%20Heavy%20Weather%20Conditions%20Tri-fold.pdf>

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