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MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN 023-26


SET PORT CONDITION FOUR IN THE PORT OF JACKSONVILLE

Port Conditions are set by the Captain of the Port (COTP) and are used to describe, generally, how prepared the port should be for severe weather. Port conditions will be changed as projected arrival of gale force winds (greater than 34 knots/39mph) associated with tropical storm activity approach the port. Mariners should be aware that there are no "safe havens" identified within the Jacksonville and Fernandina area for a vessel to safely survive hurricane force winds, or storm surges without creating a threat to the safety of the port and public welfare.

Hours Prior to Gales	Port Condition	Measures in Effect	Date
Hurricane Season	Four	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Captain of the Port Jacksonville is notifying the maritime community that the port of Jacksonville and Fernandina is set to return to Port Condition FOUR. The port is OPEN with no restrictions. 	01 June 26 0001 Local Time
72	Whiskey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All vessels wishing to remain in port must submit a request to the Remain in Port Liaison Officer (RIPLO) at jaxdomestic@uscg.mil. 	
48	X-Ray	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All regulated facilities are required to submit a Facility Readiness Survey to the COTP prior to setting port condition Yankee. Oceangoing vessels greater than 500 GT ITC, including oceangoing tugs and barges greater than 500 GT ITC, already in port or arriving during PORT CONDITION X-RAY shall continue with preparations and safely depart the port before the setting of PORT CONDITION ZULU. 	
24	Yankee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No vessels, regardless of size or service, will be allowed to transit through the ports unless authorized by the COTP. All ship to shore cargo operations must cease six hours prior to the setting of PORT CONDITION ZULU. 	
12	Zulu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The port is closed to all vessel traffic and ship to shore cargo operations except those specifically authorized by the COTP. Commercial vessels over 500 GT ITC are prohibited from remaining in port. 	
After Storm's Passage	All Clear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The port will be re-opened after a satisfactory assessment of the waterway, including critical aids to navigation, has been conducted. Any Restrictions to operations will be listed here. 	

RED BOX = CURRENT CONDITION

YELLOW HIGHLIGHT = MEASURES REQUIRED


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