

## MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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**HURRICANE REGULATED NAVIGATION AREA (RNA)**  
**WAIVER REQUESTS**

In preparation for the 2013 Hurricane Season the U.S. Coast Guard wants to make sure that if you have vessels located within the Hurricane Regulated Navigation area that you start your vessel evacuation planning early. According to the 33 CFR 165.838 RNA all floating vessels are prohibited from entering or remaining in the IHNC, Harvey Canal, and Algiers Canal while the RNA is enforced; however the Captain of the Port (COTP) may grant waivers from this requirement. If you feel you will not be able to evacuate your vessels it is essential that you engage the Coast Guard as soon as possible to request a waiver to allow your vessels to remain in the RNA during a tropical weather event.

. To request a waiver, operators or owners must:

- Put the request in writing and include:
  - The reason for requesting the waiver.
  - The vessel's current operations.
  - The name of the intended mooring facility or location of intended mooring.
  - If moored to a facility, the specific location at that facility.
  - The vessel's proposed operation during the RNA enforcement period.
  - Intended mooring arrangements that comply with 33 CFR 165.803 Sections (e) 1-4 and (f) 1-3.
  - The mooring facility's equipment for supporting those arrangements.
- Submit a drawing, diagram, chart or map.
- Submit an engineering certification, or equivalent (ie; Coast Guard approved bollard test) that shows moorings will withstand:
  - 135 mph winds.
  - Storm surge of 8 ft on the east side and 5.8 ft on the west side.

For further information, contact:

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