

MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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HEAVY WEATHER PREPARATIONS

As we continue to monitor the progression of INVEST 92 L, currently located just East of the Yucatan Peninsula. COTP New Orleans strongly encourages all Port Partners and the Maritime Community to take prudent measures ensuring a high state of readiness should track projections change to a more definitively Northern track. All vessels and facilities within the COTP New Orleans AOR are encouraged to consider or implement the following measures:

- Secure missile hazards and clear nonessential equipment and loose gear.
- Secure/remove hazardous materials or cargos to a safe location, especially drums.
- Oil transfer terminals not engaged in transfer operations should drain all loading arms and hoses of product, blank off hoses, and empty/clean small discharge containment.
- Mooring lines doubled up with due consideration given to the effects of predicted storm surge.
- If moored, outboard anchor rigged at a short stay.
- Ensure sufficient number of officers and crew onboard to tend mooring lines, and/or get underway.
- Vessel ballasted to ensure maximum safety.
- All side ports, hatches, portholes, and other openings are closed and secured.
- All firefighting equipment is ready for immediate use.
- A continuous radio watch maintained on Channel 16 and 67 VHF-FM.
- If at anchorage, at least two anchors set, if vessel is equipped with at least two anchors.
- Spare mooring lines and/or wires should be readily available.

The COTP New Orleans will continue to monitor the weather conditions and ensure any new developments or changes are promptly provided to the maritime community as needed through, Maritime Safety Information Bulletins and Broadcast Notice to Mariners.

If you have any questions, please contact the Sector New Orleans Waterways Division during normal working hours at 504-365-2280 or the Sector New Orleans Command Center after hours at 504-365-2200.



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