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## AWO/USCG Hurricane/Storm Preparedness Plans Quality Action Team (QAT) Report

The Atlantic Region Quality Steering Committee established a Hurricane/Storm Preparedness Plan QAT to examine hurricane/storm preparedness plans for various ports on the Atlantic Coast of the U.S. and develop recommendations that improve plan consistency and address the unique needs and safety concerns of the tug and barge industry.

The charter for this QAT is provided within enclosure (1). The charter describes the reason for the initiation of this effort, provides the QAT structure, and outlines the objectives of the QAT. Based on the objectives, the QAT sought to:

- Develop a set of core guidelines which ensures consistency in policy and procedures from one port to the next;
- Ensure that the guidelines address the unique challenges that tug and barge units confront in severe weather conditions while reflecting a paramount concern for the safety of the vessel and crewmembers; and
- Consider a means to ensure that the final decision-making responsibility vests with the vessel operator, acting in consultation and concert with the U.S. Coast Guard and where appropriate the local port authorities.

### QAT Activity:

QAT members from industry and the Coast Guard met to address the above objectives. The summaries of those meetings are attached within enclosure (2).

The discussion of the QAT focused on the Coast Guard's vessel sortie policy during the approach of heavy weather. The policy within the Seventh and Fifth Coast Guard Districts involves a port predicted to be impacted by threatening winds from an approaching hurricane. Under the policy, the Coast Guard Captain of the Port (COTP) directs oceangoing vessels and oceangoing barges greater than 200 GT to depart port. Vessel operators wishing to remain in port must request to do so in writing to the COTP. To facilitate requests to remain in port, the QAT developed the "Information Required From Commercial Oceangoing Vessels and Oceangoing Barges Over 200 GT Unable to Depart Port" (enclosure 3) check sheet which is consistent with what each COTP may require from a vessel operator to support this request.

The 200 GT criteria was determined for the following reasons:

- Loadline rules apply to vessels greater than 150 GT or 79 Ft; and
- Master competency rules apply to vessels 200 GT or greater.

The sortie policy is initiated by the COTP at least 3 days before the port is affected by threatening winds. Threatening winds are those winds that may affect the operation of the port. For example:

- Sustained winds of 39 mph which will close bridges on the Inter-Coastal Waterway;
- Winds that drive a sea state that makes it unsafe for pilots to embark on board vessels requiring pilotage; and
- Winds that drive sea conditions that make ingress or egress to a port unsafe.

It is important to note that geographic or specific port conditions may vary during an instance where threatening winds may impact the operations of a port.

The QAT felt that the solutions toward gaining consistency in policy and procedure within this process rests primarily with improving:

- Communications;
- Planning or Pre-Planning; and
- Decision-making.

The above issues are paramount towards effectively implementing the sortie policy to ensure the safety of lives, property, and the protection of the environment. These three issues are also the primary focus of the "Hurricane/Storm Preparedness Plan Guidance" developed by the QAT. In summary, the guidelines sought to address:

- Enhancing communications during the hurricane off-season, during the season, and during the approach of heavy weather;
- The effective use of "Port Committees" or other Government/Industry Groups to enhance communications;
- Enhancing communications between industry, the Coast Guard, local port authorities, and private sector facilities;

- Planning actions and contingencies before the hurricane season;
- Voyage planning, notification of port entry, and planning for suitable moorings prior to port entry;
- Erring on the side of safety, with safety of life being the primary concern;
- A knowledge of the limitations of tug/barge units in severe weather; and
- The awareness of existing appeal procedures for orders issued by the Coast Guard.

The "AWO/USCG Hurricane/Storm Preparedness Planning Guidance" (enclosure 4) provides best practices to those entities involved in this process and seeks to enhance consistency. To support the implementation of the guidelines the QAT developed:

- The Barge and Towing Company Directory - Atlantic Coast Region (enclosure 5);
- The Coast Guard Port Directory - Atlantic Coast Region (enclosure 6); and
- "Information Required From Commercial Oceangoing Vessels and Oceangoing Barges Over 200 GT Unable to Depart Port" (enclosure 3).

The intent is for the guidelines and above supporting documents to eventually be shared with each tug/barge company and Coast Guard COTP either doing business within or serving the Atlantic Coast Region.

In February 1998 and again in May 1998, the QAT presented its efforts to the Atlantic Region Quality Steering Committee. Improvements were made to the guidelines to strengthen the focus on pre-planning, limitations on tugs, the value of "Port Committees", and the Coast Guard liaison with local/state Emergency Operations Centers during heavy weather operations. Additional guidance was given to the QAT to liaison with the American Association of Port Authorities to ensure our Port Authority partners are included in our efforts. The QAT was also tasked to identify non-AWO member tug/barge companies who may be stakeholders within this process.

The above items have been resolved or addressed and there are no outstanding work items currently pending.

### **QAT Recommendations:**

1. That the provided "AWO/USCG Hurricane/Storm Preparedness Plan Guidelines" and supporting documents be reviewed and adopted for dissemination to tug/barge

companies and COTP offices within the Atlantic Coast Region by the summer of 1998; and

2. That the QAT remain active through the 1998 hurricane season to measure the effectiveness of our efforts.

- Enclosures:
- (1) AWO/USCG Hurricane/Storm Preparedness Plans QAT Charter
  - (2) QAT Meeting Summaries for Meetings Held on November 12, 1997, January 15, 1998, and March 18, 1998
  - (3) "Information Required From Commercial Oceangoing Vessels and Oceangoing Barges Over 200 GT Unable to Depart Port"
  - (4) AWO/USCG Hurricane/Storm Preparedness Plan Guidance
  - (5) Barge and Towing Company Directory - Atlantic Coast Region
  - (6) Coast Guard Port Directory - Atlantic and Gulf Coast and Western Rivers Regions

## Information Required From Commercial Oceangoing Vessels and Oceangoing Barges Over 200 GT Unable to Depart Port

The safest condition for the port during the arrival of a hurricane is when the inventory of vessels is at a minimum. Vessel owners/operators and agents will make every attempt to put their vessels to sea in the event a hurricane threatens the port. In the event a commercial oceangoing vessel or oceangoing barge over 200 gross tons is not capable of safely putting to sea, the person in charge of the vessel must submit a written request to the COTP to allow the vessel to remain in the port. No vessels will be allowed to remain at facilities which are within one half mile of a bridge.

Vessels allowed to remain in port must have the decks clear of any missile hazards, potential pollution hazards, and flammable materials. All persons in charge must ensure hatches are secured for heavy weather. The following information must be included in your request to the COTP to allow a commercial oceangoing vessel or oceangoing barge over 200 gross tons to remain in the port.

### Vessel Information

1. Name, call sign, and official number of vessel.
2. Nationality of the vessel.
3. Name of the master.
4. Name, address, and phone number of the agent.
5. Name, address, and phone number of the charterer or operator.
6. Name, address, and phone number of the owner.
7. Vessel particulars including length and gross tonnage.
8. Reason why the vessel cannot leave port.
9. Condition of the vessel.
10. Number of personnel to remain on the vessel and their qualifications.
11. Amount of ballast the vessel may hold.
12. Amount of bunkers, lube oil, and diesel oil on board.
13. Estimated draft with the vessel ballasted.
14. Name of berth and location.
15. Depth of water in the vessel's berth at low tide.
16. Availability of vessel's main propulsion.
17. Describe how the vessel will be secured to the berth. Submit a diagram showing the mooring arrangements with the size of mooring lines or wire.
18. Operational status of machinery on board (i.e. engines, generators, fire fighting pumps, bilge pumps, anchors and number of anchors, etc.)
19. Fire fighting capabilities of the vessel.
20. Any unusual conditions affecting the vessel's seaworthiness.

### Vessel Information Particular to Tug/Barge Units

1. Name, call sign, and official number of tug.
2. Nationality of the tug and barge(s).
3. Name of the master of the tug.
4. Name, address, and phone number of the owner/operator, charterer, and/or agent
5. Vessel particulars including length and gross tonnage of the tug and barge(s).
6. Reason why the tug/barge unit cannot leave port or wishes to enter port.

7. Will the tug be tending the barge(s) while in port.
8. Number of personnel to remain on tug.
9. Amount of bunkers, lube oil, and diesel oil on board the tug.
10. Type of cargo on board the barge(s) and the amounts of oil or hazardous material on board if carried as cargo.
11. Estimated drafts of tug and barge(s).
12. Name of berth and location (if known).
13. Operational status of machinery on board the tug (i.e. engines, generators, fire fighting pumps, bilge pumps, anchors and number of anchors, etc.)
14. Any unusual conditions affecting either the tug's or barge(s)' seaworthiness.

## AWO/USCG Hurricane/Storm Preparedness Plan Guidelines

The following guidelines are developed to enhance consistency and facilitate the vessel sortie process between the U.S. Coast guard and the Tug/Barge industry during periods of heavy weather.

### COMMUNICATIONS

- Primary means to communicate heavy weather port conditions with the tug and barge community should be accomplished by Broadcast Notice to Mariners and by faxing information to local dispatchers, companies, and corporate entities that conduct business along the East Coast of the U.S. as operations permit or as requested by the company. The Barge and Towing Company Directory - Atlantic Coast Region and the Coast Guard Port Directory - Atlantic/Gulf Coast and Western Rivers Regions should be used to facilitate this effort.
- The Coast Guard Districts will pursue the development of "Port Committees" with their respective COTPs to address local heavy weather preparedness issues, if these entities do not already exist. The value of "Port Committees" should not be underestimated. The pre-planning and communications fostered by these venues among all the decision making entities involved in this process are critical.
- The Coast Guard COTPs shall facilitate a meeting with "Port Committees" or industry entities (that include tug/barge company reps) prior to the hurricane season each year to review heavy weather policies that will affect the port and vessel movements.
- COTPs are encouraged to issue "Port Bulletins" or other information documents to inform the port community of heavy weather policies prior to the beginning of the " hurricane season.
- Operators are encouraged to provide advance notification of port call to the Coast Guard and port authorities as early as possible to facilitate the arranging of a proper berth or other suitable mooring actions to enhance the safety of the crew and vessel/barge.
- Communication before the hurricane season, with employees and importantly between the Coast Guard and the vessel operators, is crucial to insure that the vessel sortie policy is understood and implemented properly.
- Coast Guard Captain of the Ports (COTPs) are encouraged to issue a Notice to Mariners at the beginning of the hurricane season (June 1<sup>st</sup> each year). The notice

should address that the hurricane season has begun and advise mariners to review their heavy weather plans.

- To facilitate communications and decision making between the Coast Guard and local/State officials, where operationally feasible, the COTP is encouraged to provide a liaison officer to deploy to local, county, or State Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs) activated in areas within the COTP Zone affected by the approach of heavy weather.

## **DECISION MAKING**

- Coast Guard COTPs and associated "Port Committees" should be sensitive to the limiting factors and abilities of tug/barge units in severe weather when making decisions to allow vessels to remain in port or make port entry during the approach of heavy weather. Focus on limitations should include but are not limited to watertight integrity and down flooding considerations involving tugs and barges.
- Safety of life is the primary concern when making all decisions.
- Because of the unpredictable tracks of a hurricane, industry representatives should be aware that port actions will be initiated and carried out to err on the side of safety. It is possible that storm preparedness actions and port restrictions will occur and the storm may never impact that particular port.
- Vessel operators and companies should be aware of and use applicable appeal procedures when challenging orders issued by the Coast Guard Captain of the Port (COTP). Operators and companies are encouraged to use verbal appeal procedures already in place to expedite the process.
- Port Authorities and private sector facility owner/operators are important stakeholders during heavy weather contingencies. Vessel operators or company officials must involve these entities in their pre-planning and decision making when desiring to remain in port or make port entry during the approach of heavy weather.
- The decision making responsibility involving the Coast Guard's heavy weather vessel sortie process is vested with the vessel operators; the Coast Guard, and where appropriate local port authorities. However, the Coast Guard Captain of the Port (COTP) maintains the final decision making authority in accordance with applicable federal statutes and regulations.



## **Planning**

- In the voyage planning process, vessel operators must be sensitive to issues impacting a port such as wind driven bridge closures, available/suitable berthing, pilot restrictions, draft restrictions, etc. when scheduling transits and port calls during the approach of heavy weather. Scheduling of transits should be adjusted to avoid those ports that may be most severely impacted by heavy weather (i.e. hurricane) and that have limited facilities and resources.
- Vessel operators are responsible for determining and making proper mooring arrangements during the approach of heavy weather. These arrangements will be included in the written package forwarded to the Coast Guard when requesting to remain in port or requesting to enter port during the approach of heavy weather.
- Towing vessel owners/operators should pre-plan for heavy weather contingencies before each hurricane season and share their planning intentions with the applicable Coast Guard COTPs.
- It is extremely important to widely publish capabilities, abilities, and limitations of specific ports during heavy weather. Industry entities doing business along the East Coast should have a copy of each applicable Coast Guard Heavy Weather Contingency Plan for the areas in which they operate.



## OBJECTIVES

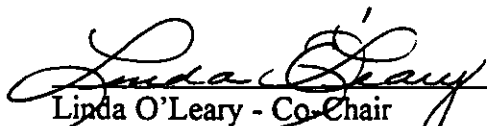
This QAT study of hurricane / storm preparedness plans should, at a minimum, include the following:

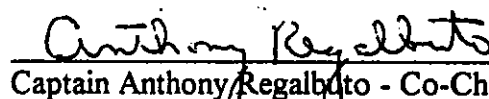
- The development of a set of core guidelines which ensures consistency in policy and procedure from one port to the next;
- Ensure that the guidelines address the unique challenges that tug and barge units confront in severe weather conditions and reflect a paramount concern for the safety of the vessel and crewmembers; and,
- Consider a means to ensure that the final decision-making responsibility vests with the vessel operator, acting in consultation and concert with the U.S. Coast Guard and, where appropriate, local port authorities.

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## AUTHORITY TO ACT

We authorize the QAT to gather all necessary information from all available resources within our staffs to complete this task. All AWO and Coast Guard personnel shall render appropriate assistance to support the QAT, enabling it to fulfill the objectives in this charter.

  
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Atlantic Region Quality Steering  
Committee

  
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Atlantic Region Quality Steering  
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**Coast Guard Port Directory**  
**Atlantic/Gulf Coast and Western Rivers Regions**

# First Coast Guard District

## **First District Marine Safety Division**

Business Telephone Number: (617) 223 – 8439  
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24 Hour Number: (617) 223 – 8555

### **Captain of the Port (COTP) Marine Safety Office Portland, ME**

Business Telephone Number: (207) 780 – 3251  
Facsimile Number: (207) 780 – 3251  
24 Hour Number: (207) 780 – 3567

#### **Ports within COTP Zone:**

Portsmouth, NH  
Bucksport, ME  
Searsport, ME  
Bar Harbor, ME  
Bath, ME  
Calais, ME  
Eastport, ME

### **Captain of the Port (COTP) Marine Safety Office Boston, MA**

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Facsimile Number: (617) 223 – 3032  
24 Hour Number: (617) 223 – 3000

#### **Ports within COTP Zone:**

Boston, MA  
Gloucester, MA  
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Braintree, MA  
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## First Coast Guard District (cont.)

### **Captain of the Port (COTP) Marine Safety Office Providence, RI**

Business Telephone Number: (401) 435 – 2300  
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24 Hour Number: (401) 435 – 2300

#### **Ports within COTP Zone:**

Providence, RI  
Newport, RI  
Point Judith, RI  
Hyannis, MA  
Cape Cod Canal  
New Bedford, MA  
Fall River, MA  
Nantucket  
Martha's Vineyard  
Block Island  
Woods Hole, MA  
Provincetown, MA

### **Captain of the Port (COTP) Marine Safety Office Long Island Sound**

Business Telephone Number: (203) 468 – 4444  
Facsimile Number: (203) 468 – 4443  
24 Hour Number: (203) 468 – 4401

#### **Ports within COTP Zone:**

Bridgeport, CT  
New Haven, CT  
Stamford, CT  
New London, CT  
Groton, CT  
Montauk, NY  
Green Harbor, NY  
Port Jefferson, NY

## First Coast Guard District (cont.)

### **Captain of the Port (COTP) Activities New York, NY**

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24 Hour Number: (718) 354 – 4121

#### **Ports within COTP Zone:**

New York, NY  
Brooklyn, NY  
Staten Island, NY  
Albany, NY and all Hudson River ports  
Port Newark, NJ  
Arthur Kill  
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## Fifth Coast Guard District

### **Fifth District Marine Safety Division**

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24 Hour Number: (410) 576 – 2693

#### **Ports within COTP Zone:**

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## **Fifth Coast Guard District (cont.)**

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24 Hour Number: (757) 483 – 8567

#### **Ports within COTP Zone:**

Hampton Roads, VA  
Richmond, VA

### **Captain of the Port (COTP) Marine Safety Office Philadelphia, PA**

Business Telephone Number: (215) 271 – 4803  
Facsimile Number: (215) 271 – 4833  
24 Hour Number: (215) 271 – 4940

#### **Ports within COTP Zone:**

Philadelphia, PA  
Delaware Bay  
Chesapeake & Delaware Canal

### **Captain of the Port (COTP) Marine Safety Office Wilmington, NC**

Business Telephone Number: (910) 815 – 4895 ext: 105  
Facsimile Number: (910) 815 – 4523  
24 Hour Number: (910) 792 – 8408

#### **Ports within COTP Zone:**

Wilmington, NC  
Morehead City

# Seventh Coast Guard District

## **Seventh District Marine Safety Division**

Business Telephone Number: (305) 536 – 5651/5652  
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24 Hour Number: (305) 536 – 5611 or (800) 874 - 7561

### **Captain of the Port (COTP) Marine Safety Office Charleston, SC**

Business Telephone Number: (803) 724 – 7683  
Facsimile Number: (803) 720 – 7705/7745  
24 Hour Number: (803) 724 – 7616/7/8/9

#### **Ports within COTP Zone:**

Charleston, SC  
Georgetown, SC  
McClellanville, SC  
Murrel's Inlet  
Myrtle Beach, SC  
Little River

### **Captain of the Port (COTP) Marine Safety Office Savannah, GA**

Business Telephone Number: (912) 652 – 4371  
Facsimile Number: (912) 652 – 4052  
24 Hour Number: (912) 652 – 4353

#### **Ports within COTP Zone:**

Savannah, GA  
Brunswick, GA  
Beaufort/Port Royal, SC

## Seventh Coast Guard District (cont.)

### **Captain of the Port (COTP) Marine Safety Office Jacksonville, FL**

Business Telephone Number: (904) 232 – 2957  
Facsimile Number: (904) 232 – 2664  
24 Hour Number: (904) 247 – 7310/11

#### **Ports within COTP Zone:**

Kings Bay, GA  
St. Mary's, GA  
Fernandina Beach, FL  
Jacksonville, FL  
Green Cove Springs, FL  
Palatka, FL  
Welatka, FL  
Sanford, FL  
St. Augustine, FL  
Daytona Beach, FL  
Titusville, FL  
Cocoa Beach, FL  
Port Canaveral, FL  
Melbourne, FL

### **Captain of the Port (COTP) Marine Safety Office Tampa, FL**

Business Telephone Number: (813) 228 – 2191  
Facsimile Number: (813) 228 – 2399  
24 Hour Number: (813) 228 – 2189

#### **Ports within COTP Zone:**

Tampa, FL  
Tampa Port  
Port Manatee, FL  
St. Petersburg, FL  
Boca Grande, FL  
Ft. Myers, FL  
Caloosahatchee River



## Seventh Coast Guard District (cont.)

### **Captain of the Port (COTP) Marine Safety Office Miami, FL**

Business Telephone Number: (305) 535 – 8701  
Facsimile Number: (305) 535 – 8740  
24 Hour Number: (305) 732 – 0160

#### **Ports within COTP Zone:**

Key West, FL  
Miami, FL  
Miami River  
Port Everglades, FL  
Port Dania, FL  
Palm Beach, FL  
Lake Worth Inlet  
Fort Pierce, FL  
St. Lucie River/Inlet  
Okeechobee Waterway

### **Captain of the Port (COTP) Marine Safety Office San Juan, PR**

Business Telephone Number: (787) 729 – 6800 ext: 303/305  
Facsimile Number: (787) 729 – 6648  
24 Hour Number: (787) 729 – 6800 ext: 140

#### **Ports within COTP Zone:**

Puerto Rico, PR:  
Bahia De San Juan  
Puerto Arrecibo  
Bahia De Guayanilla  
Bahia De Ponce  
Bahia De Guayama  
Puerto Yabacoa  
Bahia Fajardo

Isla De Vieques:  
Ensenada Honda

Isla De Culebra:  
Ensenada Hnonda

St. Thomas, USVI:  
St. Thomas Harbor  
Crown Bay  
Crumb Bay  
Red Hook Harbor

St. John, USVI:  
Cruz Bay  
St. Croix, USVI:  
Limetree Bay  
Gallows Bay  
Christiansted Harbor  
Frederiksted  
Krause Lagoon

# Eighth Coast Guard District

## **Eighth District Marine Safety Division**

Business Telephone Number: (504) 589 – 6271  
Facsimile Number: (504) 589 – 2077  
24 Hour Number: (504) 589 – 6225

### **Captain of the Port (COTP) Marine Safety Office Mobile, AL**

Business Telephone Number: (334) 441 – 5201  
Facsimile Number: (334) 441 – 6169  
24 Hour Number: (334) 441 – 5121

#### **Ports within COTP Zone:**

Gulfport, MS  
Biloxi, MS  
Pascagoula, MS  
Birmingham, AL  
Montgomery, AL  
Mobile, AL  
Pensacola, FL  
Panama City, FL  
Port St. Joe, FL  
Apalachicola, FL  
St. Marks, FL

### **Captain of the Port (COTP) Marine Safety Office New Orleans**

Business Telephone Number: (504) 589 – 6196  
Facsimile Number: (504) 589 – 6218  
24 Hour Number: (504) 589 – 6261

#### **Ports within COTP Zone:**

New Orleans, LA  
Plaquemine, LA  
Vicksburg, MS  
Baton Rouge, LA  
Shreveport, LA  
Bossier City, LA

## **Eighth Coast Guard District (cont.)**

### **Captain of the Port (COTP) Marine Safety Office Morgan City, LA**

Business Telephone Number: (504) 380 – 5305  
Facsimile Number: (504) 385 – 1687  
24 Hour Number: (504) 380 – 5322

#### **Ports within COTP Zone:**

Morgan City, LA  
Intracoastal City, LA  
Fourchon, LA  
New Iberia, LA  
Houma, LA

### **Captain of the Port (COTP) Marine Safety Office Port Arthur, TX**

Business Telephone Number: (409) 723 – 6509  
Facsimile Number: (409) 723 – 6534  
24 Hour Number: (409) 723 – 6501

#### **Ports within COTP Zone:**

Beaumont, TX  
Port Arthur, TX  
Orange, TX  
Sabine, TX  
Cameron, LA  
Lake Charles, LA

## **Eighth Coast Guard District (cont.)**

### **Captain of the Port (COTP) Marine Safety Office Houston-Galveston, TX**

Business Telephone Number: (713) 671 – 5100  
Facsimile Number: (713) 671 – 5177  
24 Hour Number: (713) 671 – 5100 ext:0

#### **Ports within COTP Zone:**

Houston, TX  
Texas City, TX  
Galveston, TX  
Freeport, TX  
Dickinson, TX  
Oyster Creek, TX  
Jones Creek, TX  
Chocolate Bayou, TX

### **Captain of the Port (COTP) Marine Safety Office Corpus Christi, TX**

Business Telephone Number: (512) 888 – 3162  
Facsimile Number: (512) 888 – 3115  
24 Hour Number: (512) 888 – 3162

#### **Ports within COTP Zone:**

Palacios, TX  
Port Lavaca, TX  
Port O'Connor, TX  
Rockport, TX  
Ingleside, TX  
Corpus Christi, TX  
Port Mansfield, TX  
Harlingen, TX  
Port Isabel, TX  
Brownsville, TX

## **Eighth Coast Guard District (cont.)**

### **Eighth District Western Rivers Operations**

Business Telephone Number: (314) 539 – 3900 ext: 396  
Facsimile Number: (314) 539 – 2832  
24 Hour Number: (504) 589 – 6225

#### **Captain of the Port (COTP) Marine Safety Office St. Louis, MO**

Business Telephone Number: (314) 539 – 3091 ext: 316  
Facsimile Number: (314) 539 – 2659  
24 Hour Number: (319) 524 – 7511 ext: 1

#### **Ports within COTP Zone:**

Carbondale, IL  
St. Louis, MO  
Peoria, IL  
St. Paul, MN  
Red Wing, MN  
LaCrescent, MN  
Rock Island, IL

#### **Captain of the Port (COTP) Marine Safety Office Paducah, KY**

Business Telephone Number: (502) 442 – 1621  
Facsimile Number: (502) 442 – 1633  
24 Hour Number: (502) 442 – 1621

#### **Ports within COTP Zone:**

Cape Girardeau, MO  
Cairo, IL  
New Madrid, MO  
Paducah, KY  
Clarksville, TN  
Nashville, TN  
Chatanooga, TN  
Knoxville, TN  
Yellow Creek, MS  
Guntersville, AL  
Florence, AL  
Decatur, AL

## **Eighth Coast Guard District (cont.)**

### **Captain of the Port (COTP) Marine Safety Office Memphis, TN**

Business Telephone Number: (901) 544 – 3941 ext: 225  
Facsimile Number: (901) 544 – 3886  
24 Hour Number: (901) 544 – 3912

#### **Ports within COTP Zone:**

Caruthersville, MO  
Memphis, TN  
Greenville, MS  
Rosedale, MO  
Tulsa, OK  
Fort Smith, AR  
Blytheville, AR  
Helena, AR  
Little Rock, AR  
Pine Bluff, AR

### **Captain of the Port (COTP) Marine Safety Office Louisville, KY**

Business Telephone Number: (502) 582 – 5194  
Facsimile Number: (502) 582 – 6825  
24 Hour Number: (800) 253 – 7465

#### **Ports within COTP Zone:**

Mount Vernon, IN  
Evansville, IN  
Henderson, KY  
Owensboro, KY  
Tell City, IN  
Cannelton, IN  
Louisville, KY  
Jeffersonville, IN  
Rising Sun, IN  
Lawrenceburg, IN  
Cincinnati, OH  
Maysville, KY

## **Eighth Coast Guard District (cont.)**

### **Captain of the Port (COTP) Marine Safety Office Huntington, WV**

Business Telephone Number: (304) 529 – 5524  
Facsimile Number: (304) 529 – 5051  
24 Hour Number: (800) 253 – 7465

#### **Ports within COTP Zone:**

Ashland, KY  
Cattlettsburg, KY  
Huntington, WV  
Marietta, OH  
Charleston, WV  
Parkersburg, WV

### **Captain of the Port (COTP) Marine Safety Office Pittsburgh, PA**

Business Telephone Number: (412) 644 – 5808  
Facsimile Number: (412) 644 – 3479  
24 Hour Number: (800) 253 – 7465

#### **Ports within COTP Zone:**

Pittsburgh, PA  
Wheeling, WV