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MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN (MSIB 46-16) Port condition X-RAY

As Captain of the Port, Charleston, South Carolina, I have set set Port Condition **X-RAY** for coastal South Carolina. Threatening winds (34 kts/39 mph) from Hurricane Matthew are possible along the coast of South Carolina within 48 hours.

Pleasure craft are advised to seek safe harbor. All oceangoing commercial vessels and oceangoing barges greater than 500 gross tons are to finalize plans for departing the port area prior to the storms arrival. Vessels unable to depart must immediately contact Coast Guard Sector Charleston to receive permission to remain and are required to submit a safe mooring plan in writing. Vessels bound for this port, which are unable to depart 24 hours prior to threatening winds making landfall, are advised to seek an alternate destination.

Facilities are advised to finalize their heavy weather plan and take all necessary precautions to adequately prepare for the forecasted conditions.

Commercial vessel operators and recreational boat owners should ensure their vessels are secure at berth and will not hazard surrounding vessels or the environment. Mariners are reminded that drawbridges may not be operating when sustained wind speeds reach 25 mph or when an evacuation is in progress.

For further information contact Coast Guard Sector Charleston Command Center at:
(843) 740-7050.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G. L. Tomasulo".

G. L. Tomasulo,
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard,
Captain of the Port Charleston.

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