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Hurricane Season Has Begun!



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The U.S. 2026 hurricane season runs from 01 June to 30 November. The principal areas covered include the Atlantic Ocean, the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea.

The U.S. National Weather Service defines a hurricane as a “tropical cyclone with maximum sustained winds of 75 miles per hour (64 knots per hour) or more.

Each year, U.S. ports within those geographical ranges are adversely affected by hurricane force winds and associated surges. Advance preparation for these weather events is mandatory and should be undertaken by all port interests.

The U.S. Coast Guard publishes (and updates from time to time) heavy weather contingency plans (and, of late, sector-specific regulations) that should be monitored and followed. Each U.S. port sector’s plan may be accessed by following this link: [US Coast Guard Sector Directory](#) and then scrolling down to find your port’s USCG sector contact telephone numbers. You may request a copy of your port’s heavy weather plan from your USCG port sector’s offices.

If you encounter any difficulty in accessing requirements for your individual port, feel free to write to us at the e-mail address below. We’ll send you the most current plan we have in our files.

Got an OSH-related question? Write to the JSC at: blueoceana@optonline.net

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