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Puerto Rico – hurricane contingency plans



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) advising mariners in Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands that it has set Port Condition ZULU. Vessels and facilities should implement heavy weather contingency plans as Hurricane Irma approaches. (9/5/17) [<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/1b52bef>]. Note should also be taken of the relevant US Coast Guard [hurricane contingency plans](#). (9/5/17) [http://www.brymar-consulting.com/wp-content/uploads/HCP/HCP_170602.pdf].

Florida Straits – caution recommended



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** cautioning mariners in the vicinity of the Florida Straits to prepare for the approach of Hurricane Irma. (9/5/17)
[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/1b51ed7>].

San Juan – USCG monitoring unit closed



The USCG National Maritime Center (NMC) issued a **bulletin** stating that Monitoring Unit (MU) San Juan is closed until further notice in preparation for Hurricane Irma. (9/5/17)
[http://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/NMC/pdfs/rec/mu_san_juan_closure_september_2017.pdf].

USCG – conditions at Corpus Christi and Houston-Galveston



The US Coast Guard issued **updates** on conditions at the ports of Corpus Christi and Houston-Galveston. (9/5/17)
[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2017/09/05/952017-updates-on-port-conditions-in-corpus-christi-and-houston-galveston/>].

Columbia River – closed due to forest fires



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that the Columbia River from mile 126 to mile 146 is closed to navigation due to forest fires. (9/5/17)
[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/1b53a2e>].

EMSA – seafarer statistics in the EU



The European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) issued its second annual edition of **Seafarer Statistics in the EU**. The statistical review presented in this report is based on data extracted from certificates and endorsements

registered by EU Member States until 31 December 2015 and recorded in the STCW Information system. It represents a snap-shot of the European labour market in terms of the number of seafarers holding valid certificates and endorsements in 2015. (9/5/17) [<http://www.emsa.europa.eu/emsa-homepage/2-news-a-press-centre/news/3094-seafarer-statistics-in-the-eu-statistical-review-2015-data-stcw-is.html>].

UK – MSI broadcast frequencies



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) posted an updated **Marine Safety Information (MSI) Leaflet** announcing, among other things, that from 6 September MSI is permanently broadcast on VHF channels 62, 63, or 64. The use of VHF Channel 10 for MSI backup and pollution control remains unchanged. (9/5/17)

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/642372/MSI_Leaflet_2017_September.pdf].

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