

**MARINE SAFETY/SECURITY**  
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**Heavy Weather/Natural Disaster Preparedness for Northern California**

In preparation for the forecasted heavy weather from January 4 to January 5, 2023, port users shall take the time to review their heavy weather plans for all vessels and facilities. For operators of vessels who plan to remain in port beyond their planned departure window, please ensure your vessel is adequately prepared, including equipment and provisions, to safely remain in port.

All **vessel and barge operators** planning to remain in port during severe weather must ensure storm moorings are in place. Tests must be conducted of all emergency systems, including communications and power systems, and all required equipment must be on hand and operational. Further, vessel and barge operators must provide the COTP with an updated list of all vessels and barges greater than 200 gross tons moored at any facility for more than 30 days. Please submit your list to: [SFWaterways@uscg.mil](mailto:SFWaterways@uscg.mil).

All **terminal and facility operators** shall review emergency procedures as set forth in their operations manual for heavy weather readiness and cargo stowage requirements. Operators should review engineering surveys to identify areas of significant or existing damage or waste which may not withstand strong winds or storm surge.

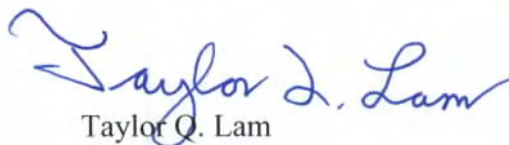
**Recreational boat owners and marinas** should make heavy weather preparations. The Coast Guard may be unable to respond to search and rescue requests until conditions are safe to do so. Mariners in distress are still urged to contact the Sector San Francisco Command Center via VHF Channel 16 or (415) 399-3554.

Marinas that experience flooding or other dangerous conditions are urged to contact the Sector San Francisco Waterways Division at (510) 612-9729 or [SFWaterways@uscg.mil](mailto:SFWaterways@uscg.mil).

Please report any oil discharges or hazardous substances releases to the National Response Center at (800) 424-8802.

Any questions or concerns regarding the forecasted heavy weather event and port preparedness should contact the Sector San Francisco Waterways Division at (510) 612-9729.

Sincerely,



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