



MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN 12-23

September 27, 2023

PORT READINESS CONDITION WHISKEY FOR PUERTO RICO & U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

Port Readiness Conditions are set by the Captain of the Port (COTP) and are based on the projected arrival of gale force winds (greater than 34 knots/39mph) associated with tropical storm activity in the port.

Hours Prior to Gales	Readiness Condition	Measures in Effect	Date																		
72	Whiskey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oceangoing vessels 500 gross tons and above must make plans to depart no later than the setting of condition Yankee unless authorized by the COTP. Vessels intending to remain in port are required to submit an application prior to setting port condition X-Ray. <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;">Arecibo, PR</td> <td style="width: 33%;">Guayanilla, PR</td> <td style="width: 33%;">St. John, USVI</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ceiba, PR</td> <td>Mayagüez, PR</td> <td>St. Thomas, USVI</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Culebra, PR</td> <td>Ponce, PR</td> <td>Talaboá, PR</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fajardo, PR</td> <td>Salinas/Aguirre, PR</td> <td>Vieques, PR</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Guánica, PR</td> <td>San Juan, PR</td> <td>Yabucoa, PR</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Guayama/Las Mareas, PR</td> <td>St. Croix, USVI</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Arecibo, PR	Guayanilla, PR	St. John, USVI	Ceiba, PR	Mayagüez, PR	St. Thomas, USVI	Culebra, PR	Ponce, PR	Talaboá, PR	Fajardo, PR	Salinas/Aguirre, PR	Vieques, PR	Guánica, PR	San Juan, PR	Yabucoa, PR	Guayama/Las Mareas, PR	St. Croix, USVI		27 Sep 2023 1100 Local Time
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48	X-Ray	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applications to remain in port will no longer be accepted without a COTP waiver. 	TBD																		
24	Yankee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The port is closed to all inbound commercial traffic unless specifically authorized by the COTP. Vessels without approved applications to remain in port shall depart at this time. 	TBD																		
12	Zulu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The port is closed to all vessel traffic except unless specifically authorized by the COTP. Cargo operations are suspended, including bunkering and lightering. Waivers may be granted unless Cargo of Particular Hazard or Certain Dangerous Cargo is involved. 	TBD																		
After Storm's Passage	All Clear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The port will be re-opened after a satisfactory assessment of the waterway, including critical aids to navigation, has been conducted. 	TBD																		

RED BOX = CURRENT CONDITION

YELLOW HIGHLIGHT = MEASURES REQUIRED

At 1100 local time, Port Readiness Condition **WHISKEY** will be set for the Ports of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands due to the potential impacts from Tropical Storm PHILIPPE. As conditions may change rapidly, you are encouraged to frequently check Sector San Juan's Homeport website for the most up to date information. The website can be found at: <https://homeport.uscg.mil/port-directory/san-juan>. If you have any questions, please contact my staff at the above listed telephone number or the Command Duty Officer at (787) 289-2041 or (787) 729-6770.

Sincerely,

José E. Díaz
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard
Captain of the Port