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MARITIME SAFETY & SECURITY BULLETIN 16-11 Increased Port Awareness

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While there are presently no specific threats, in light of the recent military operation that resulted in the death of Osama bin Laden, our maritime partners should remain vigilant, maintain strict security measures, and report any suspicious activity expeditiously.

We are committed to working closely with Port Stakeholders and Law Enforcement Partners to ensure the integrity of security measures already in place. I cannot emphasize enough the importance of maintaining these security measures, including verification of facility and vessel security plan compliance, and reporting suspicious activity.

Members of the boating public are encouraged to report any suspicious activity via the America's Waterways Watch, by calling the National Response Center at 1-877-24WATCH (877-249-2824). If there is immediate danger to life or property, call 9-1-1 or the Coast Guard on Marine Channel 16. More information on America's Waterway Watch can be found at: <http://aww.aww-sp.com/default.htm>.

While no change to the threat condition has been made, all are reminded that the Department of Homeland Security recently implemented the National Terrorism Advisory System, or NTAS, which replaces the color-coded Homeland Security Advisory System (HSAS). This new system will more effectively communicate information about terrorist threats by providing timely, detailed information to the public, government agencies, first responders, airports and other transportation hubs, and the private sector. NTAS can be accessed at: <http://www.dhs.gov/files/programs/ntas.shtm>

Additionally, information on the Department of Homeland Security's "If You See Something, Say SomethingTM" campaign can be found at: <http://www.dhs.gov/files/reportincidents/see-something-say-something.shtm>.

If you have any questions regarding the contents of this bulletin, please contact the Sector Command Center at (410) 576-2525 or by email at SECBALT-CommandCente@uscg.mil.

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