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MARITIME SAFETY & SECURITY BULLETIN 20-11 Hurricane Season Commencement

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June 1st marks the beginning of the 2011 Atlantic hurricane season. USCG Sector Baltimore has taken steps to prepare for the 2011 hurricane season, including reviewing the Sector Baltimore UPPER CHES BAY MARITIME HURRICANE CONTINGENCY PLAN, which can be viewed on HOMEPORT at the following link: <http://homeport.uscg.mil/baltimore>. Once you reach the Homeport website, click on the Port Directory tab. The UPPER CHES BAY MARITIME HURRICANE CONTINGENCY PLAN can be found under "Local Contingency Plans". USCG Sector Baltimore strongly encourages all port partners to review the UPPER CHES BAY MARITIME HURRICANE CONTINGENCY PLAN along with the hurricane plan for your respective organization.

NOAA's initial outlook for the 2011 Atlantic hurricane season, which runs from June through November, calls for a 65% chance of an above normal season. The Atlantic hurricane region includes the North Atlantic Ocean, the Caribbean Sea, and the Gulf of Mexico. The conditions expected this year have historically produced some active Atlantic hurricane seasons. According to NOAA, across the entire Atlantic Basin for the six-month hurricane season, there is a 70 percent probability of the following ranges of activity:

- 12-18 Named Storms (top winds of 39 mph or higher), including:
- 6-10 Hurricanes (top winds of 74 mph or higher), of which:
- 3-6 Major Hurricanes (Category 3, 4 or 5; winds of at least 111 mph) are predicted.

If there are questions regarding the UPPER CHES BAY MARITIME HURRICANE CONTINGENCY PLAN 2009 please contact LCDR Mike Daponte at 410-576-2662 or by e-mail michael.j.daponte@uscg.mil.

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