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MARITIME SAFETY & SECURITY BULLETIN 23-10 Heavy Weather Awareness

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June 1st marks the beginning of the 2010 Atlantic hurricane season. USCG Sector Baltimore has taken steps to prepare for the 2010 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.

In the initial outlook for the 2010 Atlantic hurricane season, which runs from June through November, [NOAA's National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center](#) calls for an "active to extremely active" hurricane season in the Atlantic Basin this year. According to NOAA across the entire Atlantic Basin for the six-month hurricane season which begins June 1, there is a 70 percent probability of the following ranges:

- 14 to 23 Named Storms (top winds of 39 mph or higher), including:
- 8 to 14 Hurricanes (top winds of 74 mph or higher), of which:
- 3 to 7 could be Major Hurricanes (Category 3, 4 or 5; winds of at least 111 mph)

"If this outlook holds true, this season could be one of the more active on record," said Jane Lubchenco, Ph.D., under secretary of commerce for oceans and atmosphere and NOAA administrator. "The greater likelihood of storms brings an increased risk of landfall. In short, we urge everyone to be prepared."

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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