

Hurricane Conditions and Flotilla Actions

Hurricane conditions are set to indicate the approach of a hurricane. As used in this plan, the condition level indicates the time remaining before winds of hurricane force are probable to reach the local area. As a hurricane approaches the level changes and the readiness requirements are increased.

1. CONDITION FIVE. This is the seasonal alert automatically assumed 1 June through 30 November. It may set at other times by designated authority. Item a. through e. will normally be accomplished annually at the beginning of the hurricane season.

- a. FC reviews Flotilla Emergency Response Plan.
- b. FSO-OP briefs members regarding the details of the plan.
- c. FC instruct facility owners to fill and maintain fuel tanks at least 90% of capacity.
- d. FC instructs vessel facility owners to maintain full water tanks.
- e. FC instructs radio facility owners to verify their facilities are operable.
- f. FC conducts periodic drills of the plan as necessary.

2. CONDITION FOUR. Hurricane winds are probable within 72 hours.

- a. FC alerts flotilla members by activating the Emergency Calling Tree.
- b. Facility owners check their facilities, secure them for storm and report status to FSO-OP.
- c. Facility owners and boat crewmembers advise FSO-OP of their evacuation intentions.
- d. FC notifies DCDR when Condition Four has been set.

3. CONDITION THREE. Hurricane winds are probable within 48 hours.

- a. FSO-OP assigns boat crewmembers to specific facilities.
- b. Facility owners recheck equipment and report status to FSO-OP.
- c. Facility owners and boat crewmembers advise FSO-OP of their evacuation intentions.
- d. FC notifies DCDR when Condition Three has been set.

4. CONDITION TWO. Hurricane winds are probable within 24 hours.

- a. FC updates the alert to flotilla members using the Emergency Calling tree.
- b. Flotilla radio facilities establish continuous radio watch on channel 23A.
- c. Facility owners make another check of equipment, contact assigned crewmembers with necessary instructions, and report status to FSO-OP.
- d. Facility owners and boat crewmembers advise FSO-OP of their evacuation intentions.
- e. FC notifies DCDR when Condition Two has been set.

5. CONDITION ONE. Hurricane winds are probable within 12 hours.

- a. All members seek safety and prepare for call out once storm has passed.
- b. Facility owners and boat crewmembers advise FSO-OP of their evacuation intentions.

6. POST HURRICANE RECOVERY. The hurricane has hit and is no longer a threat to the local area.

- a. Flotilla members assess damage to their property and advise the FSO-OP when ready to assist with recovery efforts.

7. NEAR MISS. It is clear the hurricane will not hit the local area.

- a. When it's clear that the storm will pass local areas without hitting, FC will use Emergency Calling Tree to give the all clear and advise members to return to Condition Five.