Coast Guard urges preparedness for 2025 Atlantic hurricane season

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MIAMI — The Coast Guard reminds mariners and residents of South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands to prepare for the 2025 hurricane season.

The Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1 to November 30, with the peak occurring between mid-August and late October.

<u>The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Climate Prediction Center</u> anticipates an above-normal Atlantic hurricane season this year. Forecasters predict a 60% chance of an above-normal season, a 30% chance of a near-normal season, and a 10% chance of a below-normal season.

It is essential for mariners and the public to take proper measures before a storm arrives. Ensure you have proper equipment, have a hurricane mooring plan or a safe place to store your trailered boat, and monitor the weather and VHF-FM channel 16 prior to a voyage and while out on the water.

The Coast Guard recommends the following preparedness tips for this hurricane season:

- **Know Your Hurricane Risk.** Hurricanes are not just a coastal problem. Find out how rain, wind, water and even tornadoes could happen far inland from where a hurricane or tropical storm makes landfall. <u>Start preparing now.</u>
- Make an Emergency Plan. Make sure everyone in your household knows and understands <u>your hurricane</u> <u>plans</u>. Include the <u>office, kids' day care, your boat, and anywhere else you frequent</u> in your hurricane plans. Ensure your business has a <u>continuity plan</u> to continue operating when disaster strikes. If you have a boat, make sure it's ready to move when Port Condition Yankee is announced to minimize drawbridge closure impacts.
- **Know your Evacuation Zone.** You may have to evacuate quickly due to a hurricane if you live in an evacuation zone. <u>Learn your evacuation routes</u>, practice with your household and pets, and identify where you will stay. Follow the instructions from local emergency managers, who work closely with state, local, tribal, and territorial agencies and partners. They will provide the latest recommendations based on the threat to your community and appropriate safety measures.