

DUBLIN PORT COMPANY
NOTICE TO MARINERS
No. 29 of 2017
Hurricane Ophelia

Issued 15th October 2017 @ 1600hrs (UTC+1)

This notice is issued to warn all mariners and the general public of the severe weather event forecasted as Hurricane Ophelia transitions to a post tropical storm and approaches our shores on Monday 16th October 2017.

Dublin Port Company has been contacted by the Deputy Director of the Irish Coast Guard following a briefing at the National Emergency Coordination Centre this afternoon. This event is forecasted as the most severe weather event since Hurricane Debbie of 1961 where there was tragic loss of life.

1. A status Orange weather alert is valid for Dublin from Monday 16th 0900 hrs to Tuesday 17th 0300 hrs. It is noted that the East Coast is forecasted to be within the high end of the Orange Scale.
2. A gale warning is in operation for the East Coast and Irish Sea. The current forecast for Carlingford Lough to Howth Head to Carnsore Point and for the Irish Sea is for easterly force 6 to gale force 8 by morning. Further increasing southerly gale force 9 to storm force 10 Monday morning. Sea conditions are forecasted as high.
3. Additionally the predicted storm surge is expected to increase high tides by 0.5 - 0.9m. This is predicted to result in highest astronomical tide levels (4.5m Dublin).

All commercial users, leisure users and the general public are advised to take every possible precaution in advance of the severe weather.

- The general public is advised to keep clear of all cliffs, coastal paths and harbour areas.
- Leisure users are advised to ensure their craft are secure at their berths in advance of the weather.
- Commercial vessels within the Dublin Port jurisdiction are to take every precaution to ensure their vessels are safe.
 - All vessels are to have their engines ready for immediate use.
 - All crews are to be on stand-by.
 - Additional moorings are to be used.

Forecast updates will be widely promulgated by Met Eireann and state agencies through television, radio and social media. The Irish Coast Guard transmits weather information on VHF channel 83 at 0103, 0403 (repetition), 0703, 1003 (repetition), 1303, 1603 (repetition), 1903, 2203 (repetition). Gale warnings are transmitted upon receipt. All times given are local time.

Captain Michael McKenna,
Harbour Master.

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