

CONSTITUTION MARINA

HURRICANE – STORM CONTINGENCY PLAN

Advance preparation is vital to a comprehensive and effective storm management plan. We feel that it is important we not only think about storm contingency plans but also, write them down and rehearse them.

In the event of a tropical storm Constitution Marina will initiate a Hurricane Plan to prepare the boats at the marina to best weather such an event.

Constitution Marina will make every effort to protect the vessels docked at the facility, however, it must be clearly understood that the marina takes no responsibility for damages incurred during a storm. The only guaranteed protection is 100% insurance coverage.

If a Hurricane tracks as far north as Charlestown, South Carolina, the marina will mobilize its watch program, WE SHOULD HAVE A COUPLE DAYS BEFORE THE STORM HITS AT THIS POINT. Should it appear to be a threat, the marina will make every effort to notify all marina customers. **At this time the Hurricane Plan will be in effect and all vessels must either be removed from the facility or secured for the storm according to the guidelines set forth in the Hurricane Plan.**

All boat owners with trailers should remove their vessels as soon as possible and take their boats to the protection of their own yards. The closest ramp available is at Mystic Pier 1.

All vessels remaining at the marina must be stripped of gear. All deck gear, sails, roller-furling sails, antennas, biminis, dodgers, dinghies, etc. must be removed and stored below by the boat owner. Please stow anything that presents windage.

Vessels must be secured with port and starboard spring lines to the main dock at the greatest angle possible and extra lines should be added to tie the bow or stern to the neighboring vessel. Extra fenders should be placed appropriately. Dacron line should be avoided when tying up boats except when fitted with snubbers. Chaffing gear should be placed on lines where there is a chance of wear. A minimum of 8 lines should be used to secure your vessel. Marina personnel will install storm lines across fairways and along bulkheads. **All marina power and water will be shut off.** All power cords, hoses, and any other extraneous loose gear (including dock boxes) must be stowed in the vessel. Everything on the vessels decks, and on the docks surrounding your boat, must be stowed below decks on your boat.

All vessels on the outside of E and G docks will be required to supply their own anchors that the marina crew can place in the Charles River off the bow of the boats before the onset of the storm. All vessels should stow extra lines on board in case of an emergency. When a storm arrives only authorized marina personnel will be allowed on the docks.

Hopefully, we will not be confronted by a major storm, but this is the season and we should all make every effort to have the proper gear on hand to protect our property and the foresight to be ready for any contingency.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.