

Hurricane / Severe Conditions Operational Guidelines

WHEN A HURRICANE WATCH IS ISSUED

- IWYC will close to all recreational traffic. Vessels located in dry storage will be placed on a work rack so that its owner may prepare it for the storm only as time and space permits. Eventually all work racks will be removed for the storage of front basin vessels. Vessels housed in dry storage will be launched **only** if it is being removed from the facility during the topical event/severe conditions; no exceptions.
 - Dry storage occupants are strongly encouraged to make all necessary preparations to their vessel(s) prior to this time. Please keep in mind, time and space is of the essence. Be proactive; establish a plan of action ahead of time and keep your vessel in the condition you would like for it to be in if a tropical event occurred literally overnight.
- All boats in the front basin (25' & 35' Wet Slips) **must** be removed either by relocation or placement in dry storage. All front basin wet slip occupants will be notified; arrangements made in advance are encouraged. Any boat owner in the front basin not available to move their boat must make arrangements with IWYC Management.
 - Boats docked in the side basin (35' & 45' Wet Slips) which desire to be relocated to dry storage will only be allowed as space permits.
 - Any side basin wet slip owner who makes temporary arrangements with another to occupy their wet slip through the duration of the tropical event/severe conditions must notify the IWYC office prior to the vessel's occupancy. Appropriate liability insurance information **must** be given to the IWYC office prior to this time.
 - Any boat requiring the use of "stands" and blocks to secure their boat in dry storage must make appropriate preparations with BellHart Marine or be provided by the boat owner, as IWYC does not possess stands or blocks.
- Regarding front basin vessels requiring the use of BellHart Marine's travel lift: Arrangements must be made with BellHart Marine Services to initiate the hauling of IWYC members' vessels and their placement within dry storage. IWYC members who do not desire to pay the hauling fee of BellHart Marine Services may relocate their vessels to the 45' basin only with prior approval from the General Manager and as space allows. *Please note that shore power is not guaranteed in any 45' basin wet slip used for relocation purposes.*
- Specific vessels located in dry storage may be relocated to other areas of dry storage depending upon the severity of conditions and as space requires.
- All trash receptacles, swimming pool furniture and picnic tables will be moved to the picnic area.
- All outside fire extinguishers must be removed and taken to the storage shop adjacent to the tennis court.
- Arrangements will be made with local contractors (such as reserving a back hoe and dumpsters) to provide equipment after the tropical event if necessary.
- Locate boards to cover windows at the Dock Master's Office and Clubhouse.

WHEN A HURRICANE WARNING IS ISSUED

- IWYC will be closed to commercial traffic (the hauling of BellHart Marine Services vessels).
- All boats owners, whether in a wet slip or dry storage, are encouraged to make all necessary preparations concerning their vessel(s) as time permits; such items include, but are not limited to: check mooring lines, antennas, outriggers, canvases, dock boxes, and secure all loose items on their vessels where applicable. In addition, any item located on the dock/grounds belonging to the boat owner which might become a hazard must be removed for safety reasons. *Please note, vessels located in dry storage are not permitted to be “tied down” or braced to their dry storage structure. Also, vessels docked in a wet slip are not permitted to moor or connect a dock line from their vessel to any bulkhead or bulkhead component.*
- All work rack cradles will be placed in the dry storage aisles for vessel storage purposes.
- Final arrangements will be made for necessary rental equipment.
- All computers and webcams will be powered down during the storm.
- Dock Master’s Office and Clubhouse windows will be boarded.
- Front launching/retrieval docks and ramps will be disconnected from the bulkhead and secured. **The launching/retrieval docks must be cleared of all vessels during the storm.**
- The forklifts, travel lift and rental equipment (if applicable) will be fueled completely and placed at the furthest most point from the water.
- The IWYC well and water distribution system will be shut down.
- A final walkthrough will be done by the General Manager and pictures/video footage will be taken for insurance purposes.
- All gates and doors will be locked. At this point the facility will be closed to all business due to eminent and/or current hazardous conditions. This will be subject to the severity of weather conditions at that time and/or the completion of the previously listed order of events.

All members of Inlet Watch Yacht Club are encouraged to establish a plan to prepare their vessel(s) before a storm strikes and to be proactive in their approach. There are very few examples where time is more of the essence than preparing a marine facility for an approaching tropical system. We respectfully ask that everyone involved in this process be especially considerate of the scheduling and logistics involved in preparing our members, their property, and the surrounding community as appropriate.

***These guidelines, in whole or as individual points, may also be called into effect whenever conditions, or the prediction of conditions, justify such action.**

****Inlet Watch Yacht Club will remain closed after the tropical event/severe conditions to all traffic until such time to be determined by IWYC Management. Only IWYC staff, the Board of Directors, and BellHart Marine staff will be permitted onsite. This is to ensure the safety of all members and the general public.**