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NEWS MEDIA ADVISORY

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Navy Sets Sortie Condition Charlie; Tropical Cyclone Condition Four In Hampton Roads

NORFOLK, VA (NRMA) – U.S. Fleet Forces Command ordered all U.S. Navy ships in the Hampton Roads area to set Sortie Condition Charlie in order to maintain fleet readiness as a precaution due to the approach of Hurricane Joaquin. Fleet readiness remains high with ships prepared to get underway within 48 hours if deemed necessary.

Additionally, as a precautionary measure, Commander, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic ordered all installations in the Hampton Roads area to set Tropical Cyclone Condition Four (IV) as forecasted inclement weather may bring high winds and rain to the Mid-Atlantic coast. Tropical Cyclone Condition Four means sustained destructive winds of greater than 50 knots associated with a tropical system are expected within 72 hours.

Some preparations include securing hazards throughout the installations and removing debris from drainage areas.

All personnel and their families should review their Navy Family Accountability and Assessment System (NFAAS) account at <https://navyfamily.navy.mil>, as well as review hurricane checklists and evacuation plans in the event an evacuation is necessary. Service members are encouraged to discuss evacuation and reporting requirements with their chain of command and family members.

Note to media:

Sortie Conditions are as follows:

Sortie Condition Charlie, ships must be prepared to get underway within 48 hours.

Sortie Condition Bravo, ships must be prepared to get underway within 24 hours.

Sortie Condition Alpha indicates the execution of the sortie.

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Tropical Cyclone Conditions of Readiness are as follows:

Condition IV: Trend indicates possible destructive winds within 72 hours.

Condition III: Destructive winds are possible within 48 hours.

Condition II: Destructive winds are possible within 24 hours.

Condition I: Destructive winds are possible within 12 hours.

News media desiring to cover hurricane preparations at Naval Station Norfolk, should contact Kelly Wirfel at 322-2576. Media will meet at the Tour & Information Center 9079 Hampton Blvd., tomorrow at 9:30 A.M.