

The Marina at Ortega Landing Hurricane Plan

The “Hurricane Plan” will be implemented in the event of an oncoming hurricane or severe weather. The following timeframes of implementation are at the discretion of the harbormaster. These steps will be taken to minimize property damage and injuries to the boaters and marina staff. Personal safety is the most important item to remember during extreme conditions.

As a customer, you must follow these guidelines and further directions from the harbormaster. These guidelines are written to assure your safety. For clarification or illustration for proper mooring of your vessel, please see the harbormaster. It is the responsibility of the vessel owner to properly secure their vessel.

Once a storm is “named” and the harbormaster feels that the Jacksonville area is subject to extreme weather then the following steps will be taken.

1. All loose items are to be secured in the lockers of the vessels.
2. Remove canvas, bimini tops, tightly secure sails, tie down all tenders to deck of the boat, etc.
3. All dock lines are to be doubled and tied so they can be adjusted from the dock.
4. Vessels are to be tied in a “butterfly” manner in order to secure the vessel from all directions of extreme wind. Vessels are to be tied to the adjacent vessel or, if there is no vessel cross tie to the opposite finger pier, in a “butterfly” manner.
5. Leave extra room between the vessel and the docks.
6. Remember, with winds over 60 mph the bumpers will fly in the air and become useless.
7. When the wind reaches 60 mph all shore power cords will be disconnected. It is best that you properly shut down your electrical system prior to the storm arrival and disconnect your shore power. This is done to eliminate the risk of the boat movement pulling the shore power cord from the boat or the dock.
8. The marina electricity may be shut off at the harbormaster’s discretion.
9. At the harbormaster’s discretion the gang planks may be closed before the storm arrives. Once the gang planks are closed only the marina staff will be allowed on the docks at the harbormaster’s discretion.
10. It should go without saying, but do *not* leave pets behind in the event of an evacuation.

The marina was engineered to withstand extreme weather; however, it will not stand up to everything that Mother Nature can subject it to. If civil authorities issue a hurricane evacuation order, all boaters (with their pets) should secure their vessels and follow these instructions before the gang planks are secured.