



# The Maryland Port Administration

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## PORT OF BALTIMORE PLANS FOR HURRICANE IRENE

(BALTIMORE) – The Maryland Port Administration (MPA) is closely monitoring the weather forecasts and the track of Hurricane Irene to gauge its impact on the Port of Baltimore. The MPA is in contact with cruise and cargo vessels scheduled to arrive at the Port of Baltimore over the next few days to discuss any contingency plans.

### Cruise:

The Royal Caribbean Enchantment of the Seas ship is scheduled to leave Baltimore today for a nine-night cruise to the Caribbean. Royal Caribbean is tracking the storm and will make any necessary itinerary changes as needed. For more information, the public should visit [www.royalcaribbean.com](http://www.royalcaribbean.com)

The Carnival Pride ship is currently on its way back to Baltimore from the Bahamas. Here is their official statement: *The Carnival Pride is currently en route to Baltimore, Maryland and is positioned well ahead of the storm. We have escalated the ship's speed to place the vessel off the mid-Atlantic coast by late tomorrow. We will continue to monitor the weather and storm's track and will terminate the voyage early if necessary.* Visit [www.carnival.com](http://www.carnival.com) for more information.

### Cargo:

There are five ships scheduled to arrive at the Port on Friday, four on Saturday, and four on Sunday. Depending on the storm track, this could change. All public terminal sites are being assessed for possible ponding of water. A relocation of some cargo may be needed.

For specific travel information and real-time traffic conditions, call 511 or visit [www.MD511.org](http://www.MD511.org)

For updated information, please visit [www.marylandports.com](http://www.marylandports.com)

The Maryland Emergency Management Agency stresses awareness and preparedness as Hurricane Irene approaches Maryland. Go to [www.mema.state.md.us](http://www.mema.state.md.us) for the latest storm track and preparedness information.

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