

GALWAY HARBOUR COMPANY

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS

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**ALL MARINERS, SHIP OWNERS, FISHERMEN, YACHTSMEN, OFFICERS OF
THE R.N.L.I. COASTGUARD, CIVIL DEFENSE AND BOAT OWNERS**

POST TROPICAL STORM 'OPHELIA' – 24HR WARNING

Notice is hereby given that hurricane OPHELIA will transition to a Post Tropical Storm as it makes landfall along the western seaboard on Monday 16th October 2017.

Cyclonic wind speeds are forecast to reach in excess of violent storm force 11 on Monday 16th October 2017 with the peak period being from 12:00hrs to 18:00hrs for Galway. Heavy rainfall is also expected. The situation remains very fluid.

All mariners are to take effective measures to ensure the safety of your vessel during the peak period outlined above including additional moorings, fendering and gangway watches. For vessels at anchor, to have sufficient scope in the anchor chain and to maintain immediate engine readiness throughout the peak period.

Vessels that are hove to are to give adequate searoom to other vessels and pay particular attention when altering course.

Ship masters are advised not to let 'situations' develop without informing and briefing the coastguard.

**Captain Brian Sheridan
Harbour Master
Galway
15/10/2017**