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From: PMorrell@toteservices.com
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Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2015 1:07 PM
To: capt@vessel.com
Subject: Re: EL FARO / Noon Position / 26 August 15

Are you tracking for an on time arrival if weather is not an issue ??

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RE: EL FARO / Noon Position / 26 August 15

Afternoon Phil, I am tracking direct to San Juan, PR. via the Ol' Bahama Channel, which is 160nm more than our normal offshore route. We are not making the best of speed due to apposing currents and slightly lower than normal rpm, as a result of the "weeping" economizer tube in the port boiler. The CE has taken the edge off the boiler to avoid the possibility of bypassing it. At departure last evening from JAX, our best eta would have been 08/28/1300. With the above scenario we are realistically looking at 08/28/1800, or possibly later as weather deteriorates. Latest Issue from USCG Sector San Juan, PR. 08/26/1500: Condition Yankee / The port is closed to all incoming vessel traffic. 08/27/0300: Condition Zulu / The port is closed to all vessel traffic and no cargo operations. USCG Sector San Juan, PR. has given no projected time when the port would be reopened. I have reached out to the pilots in hopes of gaining some information with regards to their plans for scheduling vessel traffic once the port reopens. I have received no further information from them...

Best Regards, Mike Davidson, Master. SS El Faro
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From: [EL FARO](#)
To: [Lawrence, John](#)
Cc: [Jim Fisker-Andersen](#); [Patty Finsterbusch](#); [Phil Morrell](#)
Subject: RE: Erika
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2015 7:49:17 PM

Good Evening Captain Lawrence,

As per the most recent BVS weather file and related marine weather radio broadcasts, the El Faro has been transiting the "Old Bahama Channel" enroute to San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Although this route does add an additional 160nm, I am confident that it offers a safer sea passage compared to our normal offshore route. It also allows for the options to hove to and or jog west of Puerto Rico as Erika tracks either north or south of the island.

Our speed has increased to 20k since departing the Gulf Stream and our eta is showing 08/28/1300. I reached out to the San Juan Pilots regarding vessel traffic scheduling once the port reopens. I was informed that the "All Clear" would be issued only after several meetings and surveys have been conducted. It was advised that the El Faro maintain position in close proximity to the pilot station for first come, first serve scheduling of vessel traffic and this is exactly what I plan to do. I anticipate the weather to start deteriorating late on 08/27/15 and continue into the morning of 08/28/15, with ESE winds around 40k and seas 10'-12' slightly off the port bow.

We have been securing our cargo with additional storm lashings as needed. All departments have been instructed to secure their areas and I will keep you duly notified throughout the remainder of the voyage.

See the below email I sent earlier today

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I have received no further information from them...

Best Regards,
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Subject: Erika

Good Day Captain,

I realize that you have been in various communications with Jim Fisker-Andersen and SSL regarding plans/ops in preparation for Erika and I have been copied in same. However, to ensure we are all on same page and nothing is missed in the risk assessments and action area, please send me a detailed email with your preparedness/avoidance plans and update daily until all clear.

Thanks and regards,
John

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