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**To:** EL FARO  
**CC:** Lawrence, John; dmatthews [REDACTED]; Patty Finsterbusch; Phil Morrell; rrodriguez [REDACTED]; Bill Weinbecker; Tim Neeson; Ronald Rodriguez  
**Sent:** 9/30/2015 3:45:12 PM  
**Subject:** Re: El Faro / Vessel Update / Hurricane Joaquin

Capt Mike,  
Diversion request through Ol' Bahamas Channel understood and authorized. Thank you for the heads up.

Kind Regards,  
Jim Fisker-Andersen  
Tote Services  
Sent from my iPhone

> On Sep 30, 2015, at 10:22 AM, EL FARO wrote:

>  
> Good Afternoon,  
>  
> Per the latest BVS weather file and NWS Hurricane Center Miami, FL.  
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> Center of Hurricane Joaquin: 24.7n 72.6w.  
> Direction and Speed: South Westerly at 5k.  
> Barometric Pressure: 971mb.  
> Winds: 50k with gusts up to 70k.  
> Seas: 12' - 14' throughout tonight and into tomorrow morning are expected.  
>  
> I have monitored Hurricane Joaquin tracking erratically for the better part  
> of a week. Sometime after 09/30/0200 she began her SW'ly track. Early this  
> morning I adjusted our direct normal route in a more SSE'ly direction  
> towards San Juan, Puerto Rico., which will put us 65+/- nm south of the eye.  
> Joaquin appears to be tracking now as forecasted and I anticipate us being  
> on the back side of her by 10/01/0800.  
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> Present conditions are favorable and we are making good speed. All  
> departments have been duly notified as before. I have indicated  
> a later than normal arrival time in San Juan, Puerto Rico., anticipating  
> some loss in speed throughout the night. I will update the eta  
> tomorrow morning during our regular pre-arrival report to SJP, etc.  
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> \*\*\* QUESTION \*\*\*  
> I would like transit the Ol' Bahama Channel on our return northbound leg to  
> Jacksonville, FL. ?  
> This route adds an additional 160nm to the route, for a total of 1,261nm.  
> We'll need to make around 21k for our scheduled 10/05/1045 arrival time at  
> the Jacksonville Pilot Station.  
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> This precaution will take the uncertainty of Joaquin's forecasted track and  
> as you can see, she really develops into formidable weather pattern on  
> 10/03-05/15. I am confident that Joaquin will track in a northerly direction  
> once reaching the gulf stream current.  
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> I will wait for your reply before transiting the Ol' Bahama Channel on our  
> return leg to Jacksonville, FL.  
> Should you have any questions or concerns, kindly contact this vessel.  
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> Best Regards,  
> Mike Davidson, Master.  
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