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Gustav causes minimal damage at Trinity yard

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American custom boatbuilder Trinity Yachts reports no damage at its Gulfport, Mississippi shipyard and minimal damage at its New Orleans, Louisiana shipyard after hurricane Gustav made landfall in the US yesterday.

The boatbuilder says that the New Orleans yard received minimal damage from winds and water. Operations at the site will be back to full production on Friday, September 5, while operations at Gulfport are already back to normal.

Chairman of Trinity Felix Sabates said that the experience of hurricane Katrina in 2005 was 'invaluable' and that improved emergency planning allows the shipyards to return quickly to full operation.

Trinity was forced to relocate to another New Orleans shipyard in the wake of hurricane Katrina.

"We are very relieved not to have had to go through the headaches of Katrina again. Our plans of continued growth and expansion for 2008/09 are still on track as originally expected," says Sabates.

Trinity is a privately held firm specialising in superyachts in aluminium or steel up to 400ft (122m) in length.

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