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To:

1. ALL PORT USERS
2. MANSA/INSA
3. OWNERS/ OPERATORS/ MANAGERS/CHARTERERS/ AGENTS OF ALL VESSELS/ TANKERS
4. SCI/ONGC/HPCL/BPCL/IOCL/AEGIS
5. BARGE OWNERS/ OPERATORS /MANAGERS/CHARTERERS/AGENTS
6. TUG, BOAT, OSV AND LAUNCH OWNERS/ OPERATORS /MANAGERS/CHARTERERS/AGENTS

C I R C U L A R

Sub: Monsoon preparedness

Due to the severe weather conditions during the monsoon period in the Arabian Sea, off Mumbai Port, all concerned parties must adhere to the guidelines issued by DG Shipping/IMO and follow safe seamanship practices as updated from time to time by various competent authorities.

Additionally, the following points should be included for monsoon weather preparedness, but are not limited to:

1. **Weather Monitoring:** Continuously monitor weather forecasts using all available means and technology. Take preventive and precautionary measures based on the prevailing weather conditions. Disaster management app by BMC may be installed for weather updates.
2. **Foul Weather Preparedness:** Agents, owners, managers, and Masters must ensure that their crafts are prepared for foul weather conditions expected during the monsoon season.
3. **Safe Manning:** Ensure all crafts are manned according to safe manning requirements.
4. **Sufficient Supplies:** All crafts should have sufficient bunkers, provisions, and freshwater reserves, considering the prevailing weather conditions.
5. **Weather Updates:** Owners, agents, and charterers must ensure that the Master is regularly updated with weather forecasts and complies with safe practices.
6. **Standby Tugs:** For crafts without propulsion, ensure that standby tugs of suitable capacity and number are available according to the prevailing weather conditions.
7. **Responsibility for Compliance:** Masters, owners, managers, and agents will be held responsible for any deviations or incidents/accidents due to non-compliance with the above guidelines.

8. **Validity of Certificates:** All statutory certificates, including but not limited to P&I certificates and class certificates, must remain valid at all times. Any violations will be considered non-compliance.
9. **Engine Readiness:** Vessels must keep their engines ready at short notice, considering the prevailing weather conditions. All vessels in the harbor should monitor the applicable port VHF channel.
10. **Extra Mooring Ropes:** Vessels should carry extra mooring ropes as spare lines in case of rope failure or additional mooring needs. Mooring ropes must be in good condition.
11. **Strong Tides:** Tides are considered strong when the range is 9 feet and above.
12. **Cyclonic Weather:** During the monsoon, the harbour may experience the strongest tides, winds up to 40-45 km/h, and zero visibility during heavy rain.


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to the Commissioner of Fisheries, Government of Maharashtra
to the Dy. Conservator, Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority
to the Traffic Manager, MbPA
to the Sr. Dock Master, ID.
to the Dock Master, JD & Pir Pau.
to the Dock Master Control Station