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- 4. SHIP AGENST/OWNERS/MANAGERS/CHARTERERS/OPERATORS
- 5. ALL TANKER VESSEL OWNERS/MANAGERS/CHARTERERS/OPERATORS

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- 6. ALL TUG OWNERS/MANAGERS/CHARTERERS/OPERATORS
- 8. MASTER OF ALL VESSELS

CIRCULAR

Sub: Availability of anchorages during monsoon period 2017.

Kindly note that the foul weather season is normally from 25th May to 31st August. During this period, the anchorage area of the inner harbor is restricted to a line, which is North of the Sunk Rock Light House position. Hence, the number of anchorages that can be utilized would be restricted due to non-availability of anchorages to the South of this line, anchorage berth A-3 & Z-3 also may not be available as those are designated emergency anchorage of JNPT.

Mumbai Port Trust will try and accommodate as many vessels as possible but may have to deny anchorage facilities due to non-availability of anchorage berths. The cargo working anchorage berths will be allotted on a first-cum-first-serve basis, while other anchorages will be allotted for short periods only for those vessels also on first come first serve basis, which have specific work at Mumbai. Vessels which have got no employment will not be accorded to "lay up anchorage" and hence are strongly exhorted to find monsoon shelter elsewhere.

Small tugs, barges and other small vessels, which are covered under the Inland Vessels Act are also advised to seek shelter in minor ports in consultation with MMB. Those vessels which are anchored in the inner Mumbai Harbour will have to ensure that they are in a port-worthy condition, manned under the ISM code of safe manning and have the engines in proper working condition besides having all the statutory certificates and insurance valid.

The Dumb barges and craft without engine which are anchored in the inner Mumbai Harbour will have to be keep standby tugs for assistance to vessel. They also should have their towing ropes and appropriate gear ready to facilitate towing during their stay at anchorage in case of bad weather and any other emergencies.

HARBOUR MASTER

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