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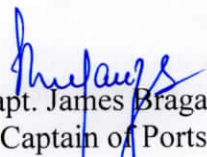
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It has been brought to the notice of the undersigned by Commandant (JG), District Ops and Plans Officers for District Commander, Headquarters No. 11 Coast Guard District (Goa) 4th Floor, MPT Old Admn Bldg, Mormugao Harbour, Goa., ^{CS} ~~that~~ the South-West monsoon is likely to hit West Coast of India by May 19. Formation of low pressure and depressions over Arabian sea, surging of waves in low lying areas of the coast are common phenomenon prior to the onset of monsoon. Meteorological conditions during the onset of monsoon season pose dangerous situations for vessels operating at sea. Therefore, in order to implement effective preventive control measures during the ensuing monsoon following is required to be ensured.

- (a) **Ascertaining Seaworthiness of Vessels:** Owners to ensure the vessels are in complete seaworthiness prior monsoon. The vessels registered under IV Act, 1917 not to venture out beyond I.V. Limits and offshore operators are advised to exercise precautions in accordance with extant SOPs.
- (b) **Vessels at anchorage:** Vessels/Crafts/Boats at anchorage in Mandovi River are to exercise caution and to be manned for effective response with minimum manning scale, in case of any eventuality. No vessels are permitted to anchor at Panaji Port Limits during the monsoon.
- (c) **Maritime SAR emergency Toll Free Number:** Indian Coast Guard has been allotted Maritime SAR Emergency Number 1554 which is applicable to all mobile operators. In case of any eventuality/emergency vessels shall immediately inform Coast Guard authorities, DG (Shipping) and Port authorities/Agents.

Therefore, all Owners/Masters of the barges, passengers launches, ferry boats, tindels of fishing trawlers, and operators of the mechanized and non mechanized crafts, including the tourist boats, cruise boats, etc. are hereby directed to ensure the compliance of the above directives.

Violation of the above will be viewed seriously.


(Capt. James Braganza)
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Forwarded to:-

1. Commandant (JG), District Ops and Plans Officers for District Commander, Headquarters No. 11 Coast Guard District (Goa) 4th Floor, MPT Old Admn Bldg, Mormugao Harbour, Goa.
2. All Barge Owners,
3. The Mormugao Launch Owners Association, Vasco-da-Gama, Goa.
4. The Director of Fisheries, Panaji.