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You may be aware that the incidence of Vector Borne Diseases like Malaria, Dengue and Chikungunya usually is on the increase during the monsoons due the increase in mosquito breeding habitats subsequent to the rain water collection. As such in order to prevent the occurrence of these diseases during the monsoon, all barge owners, watersports boats owners, canoe owners and all other boat owners should undertake the following preventative measures during the monsoon at the earliest.

- 1. The owners/masters of the barges should ensure that no rainwater is accumulated in the cargo hold of the barges. The water so collected should be drain out regularly from the barges.
- 2. The owners/masters of the barges should ensure that there is no stagnation of water in tyres used as fenders, the simplest way could be drilling a hole at the bottom of the tyres so that the water from the tyres is drain out.
- 3. The owners of the other small vessels/crafts/ canoes/watersports boats should properly cover their vessels with tarpaulin during monsoon and/or they should keep their vessels/boats upside down during monsoon season, so that no rainwater is accumulated in the vessel. Water accumulated in the vessel should be removed /drain out regularly.
- 4. The owners/master/agents have to ensure that the labourers engaged to work on the trawlers/vessels or at the jetties need to be screened for Malaria and obtain health cards for them from the Directorate of Health Services.

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) Captain of Ports.

Forwarded to:-

- 1. COP Dept. Website.
- 2. All Barge Owners.
- 3. All Canoe owners.
- 4. All Owners of Water Sports Boats.
- 5. The Mormugao Launch Owners Association, Vasco-da-Gama, Goa.
- 6. The Collector (North), District Disaster Management Authority, Panaji.
- 7. The Director of Fisheries, Panaji.
- 8. The Director of Tourism, Panaji.
- 9. The Director General of Police, Panaji Goa.