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### CIRCULAR

#### Safety Measures during Monsoon Period

With reference to the above-cited subject, all port users are hereby directed to take the following precaution in the upcoming monsoon season for port operation at Okha Port.

1. Pre-arrival information to be passed on timely to all arriving vessels and to be followed up for strict compliance.
2. Vessels to confirm the good condition of mooring winches and mooring hawsers.
3. Pilot shall give due guidance to the boarding point which must be strictly followed by the vessel master.
4. All vessels to be equipped with extra strong mooring lines forward and aft each to secure their vessel safety at berth during high winds and swell.
5. Masters of the vessel to be intimated immediately and all operations stopped in case of any emergency arising thereof
6. All vessel Agents/Master to take extreme precautions with respect to bad weather during the entire stay of the vessel at Port. Port Tugs Rukamani/Gopnath shall be on standby at all times if any assistance is required at any given time.
7. The vessel in the ballast condition should draw adequate draft and trim to achieve 100% propeller submergence for effective maneuverability.
8. Master of barges must take cognizance of prevailing weather conditions and observe prudent safe practices of seamanship.
9. The ship's owner/manager and master of all vessels should exercise due diligence and display reasonable care and skill in making the vessel seaworthy with the purpose of executing safe/economical intended voyages in Indian waters or proceeding overseas.
10. Regular communication checks with the vessels at anchorage by VTMS to be ensured during the monsoon season to provide prompt assistance. Make sure vessels that are anchored shall not drift due to heavy wind and swell near Sudarasan Setu. Vessel owners/ Agents will be responsible if such incidents occur.
11. This Port operation circular holds valid unless it is superseded by another circular and all other prevailing rules and regulations of GMB shall stand thereto for compliance.

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