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MARINE DEPARTMENT

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To:

Sr. Dock Master, Indira Dock
Dock Master I/c, JD & PP
Dock Master, Control Station
Dredging Superintendent
Director, Pollution Control Cell
Administrative Officer, Central Stores Depot
Administrative Officer, Operations Service Centre

(A) **Mandatory watch on VHF channel 12 in MbPT approach channel and common user channel :**

- (i) All vessels approaching Mumbai Port for the purpose of entering into Mumbai Port, Jawaharlal Nehru Port, Naval Dockyard or Dharamtar Creek, shall maintain continuous watch on VHF channel-12 till they enter the respective limits viz. Mumbai Port limit of JD-4, Naval Dockyard or Dharamtar Creek east of Kansa Island.
- (ii) Similarly outbound vessels from Mumbai Port, Jawaharlal Nehru Port, Naval Dockyard and from Dharamtar Creek are required to keep continuous watch on VHF channel-12 till they are clear of the Port approaches.
- (iii) JNPT Pilots to communicate with all inbound/outbound JNPT vessels on channel-12 only and not channel-13 as is the practice now, so that all concerned are well aware of the situation.

(B) **At Pilot Station :**

- (i) A pilot on board of outbound vessel from Mumbai Port or Jawaharlal Nehru Port shall disembark only at Pilot Boarding Ground. If the Pilot of outbound has to cover the vessel immediately, on his disembarking from the outbound vessel, he shall ensure that the inbound vessel adjusts her speed accordingly.
- (ii) Pilot of vessels proceeding out from JNPT requiring to connect and board another vessel shall allow sufficient time to provide smooth and safe transfer to inbound vessel without having to make the inbound vessel wait at Pilot station or having the vessel come up the channel to save time.

(C) **Overtaking situations :**

Under normal circumstances, overtaking the vessels in the common user channel shall not be undertaken. However, for operational requirements, if it becomes unavoidable, it shall be done if Pilots of both the vessels are in agreement, prevailing traffic allows it and that the Masters of the respective vessels have been apprised of the situation. However, overtaking in the common user channel shall be totally justified and warranted and as per Rules of Road.

(D) **Conduct of vessels in vicinity of No.4 JD :**

- (i) Vessels proceeding to and from JNPT/Jawahar Dweep shall have due regard to vessels moored or undergoing mooring/unmooring operations at No.4 JD and have speed not more than 6 knots.
- (ii) Pilot on board vessels outbound from JNPT or Jawahar Dweep shall ensure that no crossing situation develops off middle ground with the inbound vessel for Indira Dock or Naval Dockyard or P&V Anchorage. Normally vessels are expected to follow the Rules of the Road. However, if it is necessary to deviate from this, then at all times it is clearly understood that the Pilots will use their experience and discretion and giving due regards to the prevailing circumstances and conditions of the weather, visibility, state of tide and follow the practice of good seamanship.
- (iii) When JNPT passes information of vessel movements to VTMS at Mumbai Port Trust they shall ascertain from Mumbai Port Trust if any movement is planned for No.4 JD at the relevant period. The same shall be passed on to concerned Pilots of JNPT.
- (iv) If a JNPT vessel is to pass No.4 JD while a ship is mooring or unmooring at No.4 JD, the JNPT Pilot shall establish communication with Pilot on board No.4 JD vessel at the earliest and if inbound shall not proceed further than North Karanja Buoy until given confirmation to pass by Pilot on board the No.4 JD vessel. Similarly a vessel outbound from JNPT shall try to establish communication well in advance of passing Port Limit at "ABCD" channel of JNPT.

(E) **VTMS Control:**

VTMS Operators of Mumbai Port and Jawaharlal Nehru Port shall monitor continuously and alert Pilots/vessels if any close quarters situation exists or in case the vessel is deviating from the channel and bring it to the notice of the Dock Master Control Station immediately.

(Capt. S. Kohli)
DEPUTY CONSERVATOR