

## **CoP ISSUES DIRECTIONS TO MARINERS TO PREVENT VECTOR BORNE DISEASES**

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In order to prevent vector borne diseases like malaria, dengue and chikungunya during the monsoons due to increase in mosquito breeding habitats subsequent to the rain water collection, Captain of Ports Department has issued a circular to all barge owners, watersports boats owners, docks, ship repairer and manufacturing yards, canoe owners and all other boat owners to undertake the following preventative measures to initiate at the earliest:

All owners/masters of the barges should ensure that no rainwater is accumulated in the cargo hold of the barges. The water should be drained out regularly from the barges;

The owners/masters of the barges and other inland vessels 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 drain out;

The owners of the other small vessels/crafts/canoes/watersports boats should properly cover the vessels with tarpaulin during monsoon and/or they should keep their vessels/boats upside down during monsoon season when not in use, so that no rainwater is accumulated in the vessel. Water accumulated in the vessel should be removed/drained out regularly;

The owners/masters/or barges and other vessels 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;

The owner/incharge of docks, ship manufacturing, repair yards should ensure that the labourers engaged in workshop/docks, need to be screened for Malaria and obtain health cards for them from Directorate of Health Services;

The owners/incharge of docks, ship manufacturer, repair yards should ensure that no rain water is accumulated in the yards/dock area.

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, owners/incharge of docks ship manufacturing repair yards etc., are directed to ensure strict compliance of these directives issued by the Captain of Ports Department.

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