

COP ISSUES PREVENTIVE MEASURES TO BOAT OWNERS TO REDUCE RISK OF VECTOR BORNE DISEASES

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To prevent the occurrence of Vector Borne Diseases like Malaria, Dengue and Chikungunya during the monsoon, Captain of Ports has issued directions to the barge owners, watersports boats owners, docks, ship repairer and manufacturing yards, canoe owners and all other boat owners to undertake the preventative measures which are to be initiated during the monsoon at the earliest.

This includes ensuring that no rainwater is accumulated in the cargo hold of the barges and the water so collected should be drain 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 is drained out.

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 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 should ensure that the labourers engaged to work on the trawlers/vessels or at the jetties need to be screened for Malaria and should 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 that health cards are obtained for them from the Directorate of Health Services. Similarly, in the case of labourers engaged in workshop/docks. The owners/ incharge of docks, ship manufacturer, repair yards must ensure that no rain water is accumulated in the yards / docks area.

The Captain of Ports Department has asked 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, the owners/incharge of docks, ship manufacturing, repair yards etc. are strictly comply to the directives.

Violation of the same will be viewed seriously.

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