

BARGE OWNERS ETC URGED TO UNDERTAKE PREVENTATIVE MEASURES

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Captain of Ports Department (COP) has instructed 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 during the monsoon to prevent incidences of Vector Borne Diseases like Malaria, Dengue and Chikungunya which usually is on the increase during the monsoons due to increase in mosquito breeding habitats subsequent to the rain water collection:

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 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 is drain 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 monsoon season when not in use, so that no rainwater is accumulated in the vessel. Water accumulated in the vessel should be removed /drain out regularly; the owner/ master of 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 to ensure that the labourers engaged in workshop /docks, need to be screened for Malaria and obtain health cards for them from the Directorate of Health Service and the owners /incharge of docks, ship manufacturer, repair yards to ensure the no rain water is accumulated in the yards /docks area.

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