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Ports and Yachting Directorate

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Notice to: All Masters,
Owners
Operators and Crew of all commercial vessels

Commercial Vessels' Operations

The attention of all Masters, Owners, Operators and Crew of all commercial vessels is hereby being directed to the operation, use and navigation of such vessels within the internal and territorial waters. They are reminded that:

- i. Due caution, diligence and courtesy must be exercised at all times by all the persons operating, using and driving such vessels who should practice good seamanship and observe the applicable legislation and lawful directives of the Authority at all times, in particular those concerning the safe navigation and operation of the vessels. A safe speed is to be maintained at all times.
- ii. Account should always be taken of the prevailing circumstances, taking into consideration the state of the wind, sea and current, the proximity of navigational hazards, and other users of the sea present in the area. Prescribed speed limitations are to be complied with.
- iii. One must ensure that the vessel being used is fit for purpose and equipped with all the necessary safety equipment and apparatus. Such equipment and apparatus must be in a good working condition and not expired.
- iv. A log book must always be kept on board the vessel wherein all daily operations, movements and occurrences have to be logged in detail.
- v. In the event of any incidents or accidents, or an emergency situation, whether already existing or perceived to be developing, an immediate verbal report must be made of such to the Authority followed by a written report in accordance with the provisions of the applicable legislation.

The above is without prejudice to the relevant applicable legislation including the notices and directives issued by the Authority from time to time.

In the event of any non-conformity or in the event that it transpires that dangerous navigation, use and operation is taking place which may endanger the safety of persons or the safety of navigation or could cause damage to property, the Authority may take legal action in terms of law.

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Chief Officer
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