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To: Shipowners, Ship Managers and Ship Masters

Dear Sir/ Madam,

**Precautions when Navigating in Fishing Areas in Ningbo-Zhoushan port,
P.R. China**

We would like to bring your attention to the additional precautions that should be given when navigating in fishing vessels concentrated areas around Ningbo-Zhoushan of China.

Port of Ningbo-Zhoushan in Zhejiang Province of China is one of the busiest cargo ports in the world. The Ningbo coastal route is situated next to the East China Sea fishing zone. As a result, ocean-going cargo ships trading along the coast of Zhejiang are expected to encounter heavy activities characterized by fishing vessels of various sizes especially during the fishing seasons.

Therefore, special attention shall be paid to the following advices to prevent collisions when sailing in the above-mentioned area:

- 1) Owners should ensure ship masters are familiar with the latest appended advisory (2021) prepared by Ningbo China MSA;
- 2) precautions should be taken when navigating through areas of large number of fishing vessels;
- 3) additional lookouts with maintaining safe speed should be considered;
- 4) visual observation and radar observation should be fully made, despite relying on navigation equipment;
- 5) care should be taken to keep clear of vessels engaged in fishing; and
- 6) ship masters should stand by, render aid and immediately report the casualty to the local MSA authority and this Administration upon collision.

Please find Notice issued by Ningbo China MSA attached in annex 1 for your perusal. Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us by email at ss_css@mardep.gov.hk.

Yours faithfully,

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