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SUBJECT: Dubai Anchorage Regulations

Reference: (a) Dubai Maritime City Anchorage Bulletin - Attached

Dear Owner/Operator:

The Dubai City Maritime Authority has issued the attached anchorage regulations.

The anchorages are limited to those ships with authorization from Dubai's Maritime City Authority.

For short term anchoring of five or fewer days in Jebel Ali Anchorage and Port Rashid Short Term anchorage (Anchorage A) authorization is issued by the Harbor Master's Office.

The attached Bulletin outlines the locations of approved anchorages in Dubai's waters. Any ship anchoring outside of these anchorages within the EEZ without the express authorization from DCMA in violation of Dubai Law 11 of 2010, and Federal Law 24 of 1999 and will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

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	DUBAI ANCHORAGES REGULATION	

This DMCA Advisory provides guidance on anchorages for vessels in Dubai waters which extends to the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).

All vessels flying all flags are required to follow the regulations published in this advisory.

In response to numerous queries from industry stakeholders regarding the authorization process and regulations regarding use of Dubai's Anchorage; as well as the recognized need to update the terms and conditions to ensure the safety of Dubai's Maritime Interest and the Protection of the Emirates Natural Environment and Resources the following updated regulation is effective immediately

Mariners are advised that these are regulations and shall be considered mandatory. DMCA, the Dubai Marine Police, UAE Coastguard and Criminal Investigation Department (CID) will ensure the regulations are enforced. DMCA will ensure the management and coordination of the anchorages and shall review the regulations annually with industry stakeholders and update as needed.

Please refer to the appendices for the location of the anchorages.

These regulations go into effect on the 1st of August 2011.

For more information, please send your queries on dmcalayup.anchorageja@dmca.ae



DUBAI ANCHORAGE REGULATIONS

1. INTRODUCTION

The use of Dubai's anchorages is limited to those ships with authorization from DMCA; for the short term anchoring of five or fewer days in Jebel Ali Anchorage and Port Rashid Short Term Anchorage (Anchorage A) authorization will be issued by the Harbor Master's Office. In all cases the use of Dubai's waters out to the EEZ as an anchorage derives from DMCA Authority and compliance with the conditions of use regarding security; safety and environmental stewardship as incorporated here are mandatory.

This bulletin outlines the locations of approved anchorages in Dubai's waters. Any ship anchoring outside of these anchorages within the EEZ without the express authorization from DMCA is in violation of Dubai Law 11 of 2010 and Federal Law 24 of 1999 and will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

All Vessels approaching or using Dubai's anchorage area must at all times maintain a proper lookout and rigorously apply the "*International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea*".

No laden single hull oil tankers will be allowed to anchor in Dubai's water.

2. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Anchorage bulletin are the following:

- 2.1 Confirm and coordinate the approval process for anchoring in Dubai waters in approved anchorages and in compliance with the UNCLOS "Innocent Passage"; UAE Federal Law 24 and Law 11 June 2010;
- 2.2 Monitor and Update anchoring assignment and procedures in alignment with the above laws and industry best practices;
- 2.3 Address the evolving security, safety and environmental challenges through the formal terms and conditions of use;

3. GENERAL CONDITIONS ON ANCHORAGES USE

- 3.1 Compliance with Federal Law 24 of 1999
- 3.2 Compliance with Dubai Law 11 of 2010
- 3.3 Compliance with the conditions of use of anchorages in Dubai;
- 3.4 All critical systems and equipment as per SMS are working;
- 3.5 Manning is maintained as per Flag;

4. SHORT TERM ANCHORAGES (Stays exceeding five days require authorization from DMCA).

4.1 Port Jebel Ali Anchorage

The coordinates for the Port Jebel Ali Cargo berth and Short Term anchorage are the following:

25° 11'.30" N 054° 49'.75"E	25° 08'.20" N 054° 53'.20"E
25° 05'.38" N 054° 49'.75"E	25° 08'.30" N 054° 46'.20"E

4.2 Port Rashid Anchorage (Anchorage A)

The coordinates for the Port Rashid Cargo berth, Dry Dock and Short Term anchorage are the following:

25° 19'.0" N 55° 01'.0"E	25° 19'.0" N 55° 05'.0"E
25° 22'.0" N 55° 01'.0"E	25° 22'.0" N 55° 05'.0"E

5. LONG TERM ANCHORAGE (Anchorage B)

Vessels desiring long term anchorage shall submit requests to **DMCA** for approval. The long term anchorage is defined by the following coordinates. Charges are based on Dubai Government Department of Finance approved schedules.

25° 22'.0" N 055° 01'.0"E	25° 22'.0" N 055° 05'.0"E
25° 25'.0" N 055° 01'.0"E	25° 25'.0" N 055° 05'.0"E

6. STS & BUNKERING WAITING AREA ANCHORAGE (Anchorage C)

Vessels awaiting STS and bunkering opportunities in Dubai's waters shall request from **DMCA** an anchorage position in the STS Waiting Area described by the coordinates below. All charges are based on the Department of Finance approved schedules.

STS and Bunkering waiting area coordinates:

25° 25'.0" N 055° 01'.0" E	25° 25'.0" N 055° 05'.0" E
25° 27'.0" N 055° 01'.0" E	25° 27'.0" N 055° 05'.0" E

7. STS & BUNKERING OPERATION ANCHORAGE (Anchorage D)

STS and Bunkering operations shall only be carried out at Anchorage D area described by the coordinates below. Ships desiring to conduct STS and bunkering operations shall submit a request to **DMCA** a minimum of two business days prior to the desired STS operation. DMCA will assign each operation a specific location as part of the approval process. All charges will be based on Department of Finance approved schedules.

STS and Bunkering operations anchorage (Anchorage D) area is bounded by the following coordinates:

25 ° 30'.0" N 054 ° 53'.0" E	25 ° 30'.0" N 054 ° 58'.0" E
25 ° 33'.0" N 054 ° 53'.0" E	25 ° 33'.0" N 054 ° 58'.0" E

8. HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- (a) The Owner and Master shall comply with and adhere to all applicable regulations of the United Arab Emirates, the Emirate of Dubai, International Maritime Organization, International Labor Organization and any international entities pertaining to health and safety and instructions of the Authority.
- (b) The Owner and Master shall throughout the anchorage period exercise due diligence to ensure the Vessel is maintained in good condition.
- (c) Good seamanlike practices and all reasonable safety precautions shall be observed at all times on the Vessel. Any reportable accident as per the vessel's SMS shall be reported to the Harbor Master via VHF radio channel 13 or 16 and 68; and to the Authority via **e-mail**.
- (d) If required, the Owner shall employ only prequalified Emergency Response Contractors approved by the Authority.
- (e) No hot work shall be conducted without prior permission from DMCA

9. POLLUTION CONTROL REQUIREMENTS

9.1 The Master shall not carry out any external transfers of sludge, oil or oily water or any other liquid tainted by oil on the Vessel without prior written permission from Authority.

9.2 The Master shall not discharge any grey or black water into or around Dubai Anchorages. All grey and black water shall be stored on board or transferred to a barge for treatment and disposal onshore.

9.3 All safety and pollution prevention procedures shall be in writing and formalized in the vessel's SMS.

9.4 The Vessel shall not conduct the following work without prior written permission from Authority:

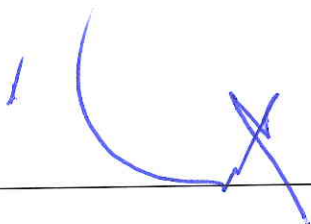
- (i) over-the-side painting;
- (ii) any external cleaning of decks, bulkheads and/or structures with caustics, acids, or toxic chemicals;
- (iii) bottom cleaning;

9.5 The Owner shall be liable for, and agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Authority against all claims, costs, expenses, action, proceedings, suits, demands and liabilities whatsoever arising out of actual or potential pollution damage and the costs of cleanup or control arising out of or resulting from:

- (a) any act or omission of the Master or any personnel on board the Vessel which cause or allow discharge, spills or leaks from the Vessel:
- (b) any act, neglect or default of the Master, its employees, contractors or sub-contractors; and/or
- (c) unseaworthiness of the Vessel.

Failure to comply with Dubai Anchorage Regulation shall be considered as a major breach and shall result in penalties being imposed on the Vessel.

Approved By:



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Appendix I

