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HEAVY WEATHER PREPAREDNESS

The Captain of the Port, San Francisco Bay is reminding all waterfront facilities and the maritime community to make all preparations needed to safely weather any storm that may approach the area. San Francisco Bay can experience powerful storms, and we must remain alert and prepared.

During last year's storm season, numerous barge and vessel breakaways occurred as a result of high winds and wave action. I caution all facility dock managers, barge companies, and vessel masters and operators to remain vigilant in their duties and to require and maintain proper mooring arrangements in accordance with good marine practices.

Questions or comments regarding this bulletin should be directed to the Marine Safety Office Command Duty Officer at (415) 399-3547. Should you become aware of a vessel or barge that has broken its moorings or is adrift, contact the Vessel Traffic Service on VHF Channel 14 or at (415) 556-2760 immediately.

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