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APPROACHING PACIFIC STORMS TO BRING LARGE WEST SWELL,
HEAVY RAINS, AND POSSIBLE GALE FORCE WINDS

The Captain of the Port, San Francisco Bay is advising all waterfront facilities and the maritime community to make all preparations needed to safely weather heavy rain and possible gale force winds forecasted to accompany a series of Pacific storms moving into the area. Offshore seas will increase Tuesday night into Wednesday to above 15 feet along with heavy rains and strong south winds. The storms are expected to last through Thursday. Another Pacific storm is on the horizon for Saturday night into Sunday. Information and updates are available on VHF-FM channels 1, 2, or 3, or at the National Weather Service Website: www.wrh.noaa.gov.

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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