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Coast Guard Marine Safety Office San Francisco Bay
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AMERICA'S WATERWAY WATCH PROGRAM

The Coast Guard has launched the America's Waterway Watch program to encourage the maritime industry and the boating public to report suspicious activities in our port.

The Commandant of the Coast Guard, Admiral Collins, stated: "This is a program similar to neighborhood watch programs in which law enforcement organizations coordinate crime prevention programs with local citizens. We're asking the public to be aware of and report suspicious activity, particularly near bridges, tunnels, fuel docks, industrial facilities and other sensitive locations."

Suspicious activity can be reported by calling the **National Response Center at 1-877-24WATCH** or in the case of **immediate danger to life or property by calling 911**.

Criteria for reporting suspicious activity include, but are not limited to the following:

- Suspicious persons conducting unusual activities
- Suspicious persons taking photos, making sketches
- Suspicious persons loitering for extended periods
- Suspicious persons renting watercraft or ultralight Aircraft
- Unknown vendors attempting to sell/deliver merchandise
- Unknown persons asking detailed questions about operations
- Unknown persons inquiring about details of local security measures
- Unknown persons inquiring about security for public events
- Unknown persons surveying bridges/waterway operations
- Boat depositing suspicious passengers in unusual locations at night
- Parked, unmanned vehicles around schools, bridges, railroad crossings

REMEMBER – OBSERVE AND REPORT ONLY- DON'T ENGAGE. ALWAYS MAINTAIN A SAFE DISTANCE.

More information is available at www.americaswaterwaywatch.org or from Ed Sweeney of the Coast Guard Auxiliary at 916-284-8507.

Sincerely,

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