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To the Members

China Qingdao Waters—Navigation Warning during the Fishing Ban Season in China from 1 May to 1 September

We have obtained information by our correspondent in China, Oasis P&I Services Company Limited. According to the information released by the Qingdao government, the clean-up operation of enteromorpha around Qingdao waters has been carried out since 19 May 2022. Fishing operation is prohibited from 1 May to 1 September every year, a large number of fishing boats have been dispatched to clean up Qingdao waters, which may have a significant impact on navigational safety. For details, please see the attached their circular.

Yours faithfully,

The Japan Ship Owners' Mutual Protection & Indemnity Association

Attachment: Oasis Circular No.2205



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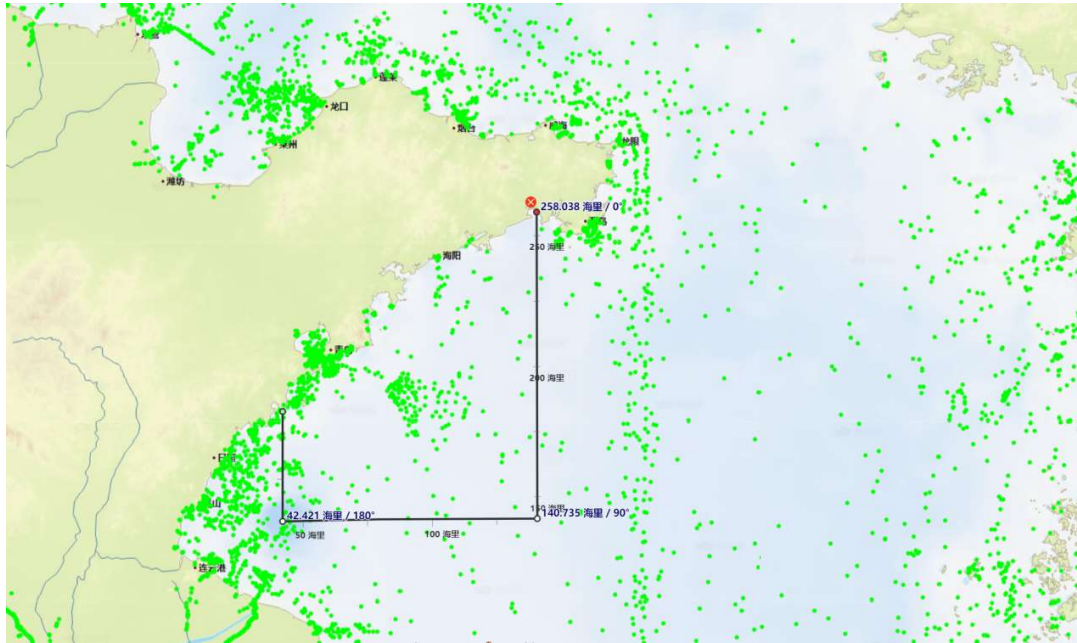
Subject: Cleaning Up of Enteromorpha around Qingdao Waters during the Fishing Ban Season In China from 1 May to 1 September

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Scope of the clean-up operation

The general scope of the clean-up operation is: longitude: from 120° E to 122° E; latitude: from 35° N to the southern coastal waters of Shandong Peninsula. The clean-up operation waters mainly cover most navigable coastal waters of Qingdao including the main channel, Lingshan Island, Chaolian Island and Changmenyan. For your easy reference, below is an illustration of the scope of the clean-up operation and key navigable waters.



An illustration of scope of the clean-up operation



An illustration of key navigable waters

Suggestions on navigation safety

1. Unless it is necessary, try to avoid the above key navigable waters. When choosing navigation routes, ships shall stay away from the coast, apply the recommended routes properly and strictly follow the Ship Routing System.
2. Please note that fishing boats may be restricted in their ability to maneuver during cleaning-up operation. Ships shall maintain proper lookouts, keep AIS in good working condition, keep watching on radars and listening to VHF, after entering the area of the clean-up operation.
3. Try to coordinate the collision avoidance actions through VHF CH16. However, if there is no response from the fishing boat after several calls, it might mean that the fishing vessel does not maintain watching on such channel. When communicating on VHF, please give full consideration to the possible language barrier, different accent and language expression and ensure that both parties are clear about each other's intention. If necessary, seek assistance from VTS in communicating with the fishing boat involved.
4. Comply with the COLREG 1972 at all times.

We hope the above is of assistance. If there is any query, please feel free to contact us at oasis@oasispandi.com at any time.

Best regards,

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