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TYPHOON PROCEDUREWhen Tropical cyclone signal No.1 is hoisted

1. Give warning to tanker at Tolo harbour Town Gas wharf, remind the agent that tugs will required at least 5 hours notice & the danger of pilot boarding station is exposed to weather.
2. Give warning to vessel at TSK Power Station, TSK CCC, SWSTL and Lamma Power Station.
3. Give warning to all tankers at tanker berths.

When Typhoon signal No.3 is hoisted

Pilot office should ensure:

1. Tankers at all berths (including Tolo) should clear berth as soon as possible.
2. Bulkers at TSK PST & TSK CCC, SWSTL and Lamma PST should clear berth as soon as possible.
3. Vessels not moored at a classified typhoon buoy or oversized vessels should clear mooring buoy as soon as possible.

If typhoon signal No.8 is likely to be hoisted or the wind speed or wave height is likely to exceed the acceptable limit try to give at lease TWO hours warning to all shipping through MARDEP before pilotage service is suspended. (REMEMBER – tugs may be used for pilot transportation if pilot boats could not be operated in heavy sea.)

All repair ships at shipyards should be advised to clear docks as soon as possible especially for those vessels requiring towage to the buoy.

Avoid the acceptance of any order for ships in bound to buoy at night when typhoon signal No.3 is hoisted unless the prevailing condition is favourable.

Pilotage suspension

Guideline for pilotage service may be suspended: -

- ★ Sustained wind speed over 33 knots
- ★ Wave height over 1.5 metres

Other useful information

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