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**FOR: SHIPPING AGENCIES, MARITIME CHAMBER, LOCAL OPERATORS,
AND USERS IN GENERAL**

**FROM:  FLOR PITY
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF PORTS & MARITIME ANCILLARY INDUSTRIES**

**MATTER: WARNING NOTICE TO VESSELS IN THE AMADOR CAUSEWAY AND
VICINITY, ON UNDERSEA TELECOMMUNICATION CABLES**

DATE: SEPTEMBER 23RD, 2019

This is a warning notice to all vessels located on the East side of the Amador Causeway and vicinity, that there are undersea telecommunications cables which have their connection to land at the beginning of the Amador Causeway, same which have a Concession Contract with the State.

In Paper Nautical Charts (Admiralty 1401) and in Electronica Nautical Chart (PA5CP005) (Attached Docs.), there is an exclusión zone that prohibits anchoring of vessels which are proximate to the above referenced undersea cables.

Also, we call the attention to all Captains, that when vessels are being anchored, they must not only take into account the anchor position outside the exclusion area, but also possible dragging of the anchor, which additionally represents a high risk.

On this respect, what has been stated herein is for purposes of taking all necessary actions in order to avoid any incident with the undersea cables. Damages of cables cause a high repair costs, including colateral damages. Please be advised that the Panama Maritime Authority carries out permanent monitoring of all vessels that sail near the exclusion zone.

Whoever does not comply with this Circular, shall be sanctioned pursuant Agreement C.E. 18-76 dated November 16th, 1976, which sets forth Rules and Regulations on Sanctions, as stated under Section 42, same which reads as follows:

- “Section 42: All acts of non-compliance by a captain, shipowner, charterer, agent, or crew member of a vessel, of all orders given by a Port Administrator when acting as such, may be sanctioned with a fine between FIFTY BALBOAS (B/. 50.00) and TWO HUNDRED FIFTY BALBOAS (B/. 250.00); this, without prejudice to all measures which said Port Administrator may take in order that same are complied with, at the expense of the vessel”.

Respectively,


MP/JG/ AT/ideh

Legal Basis: Agreement C.E. 18-76 dated November 16th, 1976