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To the Members

China - Precautionary Measures for Contacting with Fishing Net in Ningde Waters

We have obtained the attached circular from Huatai Insurance Agency & Consultant Service Ltd., our correspondent in China. Recently there have been frequent incidents on contacting with fishing nets (Set-net Type) occurred in the Ningde waters. All navigation vessels in water areas should sail cautiously and take the recommended proactive action to avoid any accidents caused by fishing boats and nets.

We wish you a pleasant voyage.

Yours faithfully,

The Japan Ship Owners' Mutual Protection & Indemnity Association

Attachment: Huatai Insurance Agency & Consultant Service Ltd. Circular (PNI1903)



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HUATAI INSURANCE AGENCY & CONSULTANT SERVICE LTD.

Circular Ref No.: PNI1903

Date: 19 February 2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

Subject: Precautions against Contacting Fishing Net in Ningde Waters, China.

1. Background

In the past 15 days, four similar incidents on contacting with fishing nets (Set-net Type, 定置网) occurred in the Ningde waters where the foreign ship always choose to drop anchor to wait for berth of Ningde Port or Kement Port of Fujian Province. Two of the incidents were handled by our Xiamen office while the other two were not. These incidents caused the ship's propeller twined by the fishing net, some fishermen attended onboard irrationally and rejected to disembark before settlement.

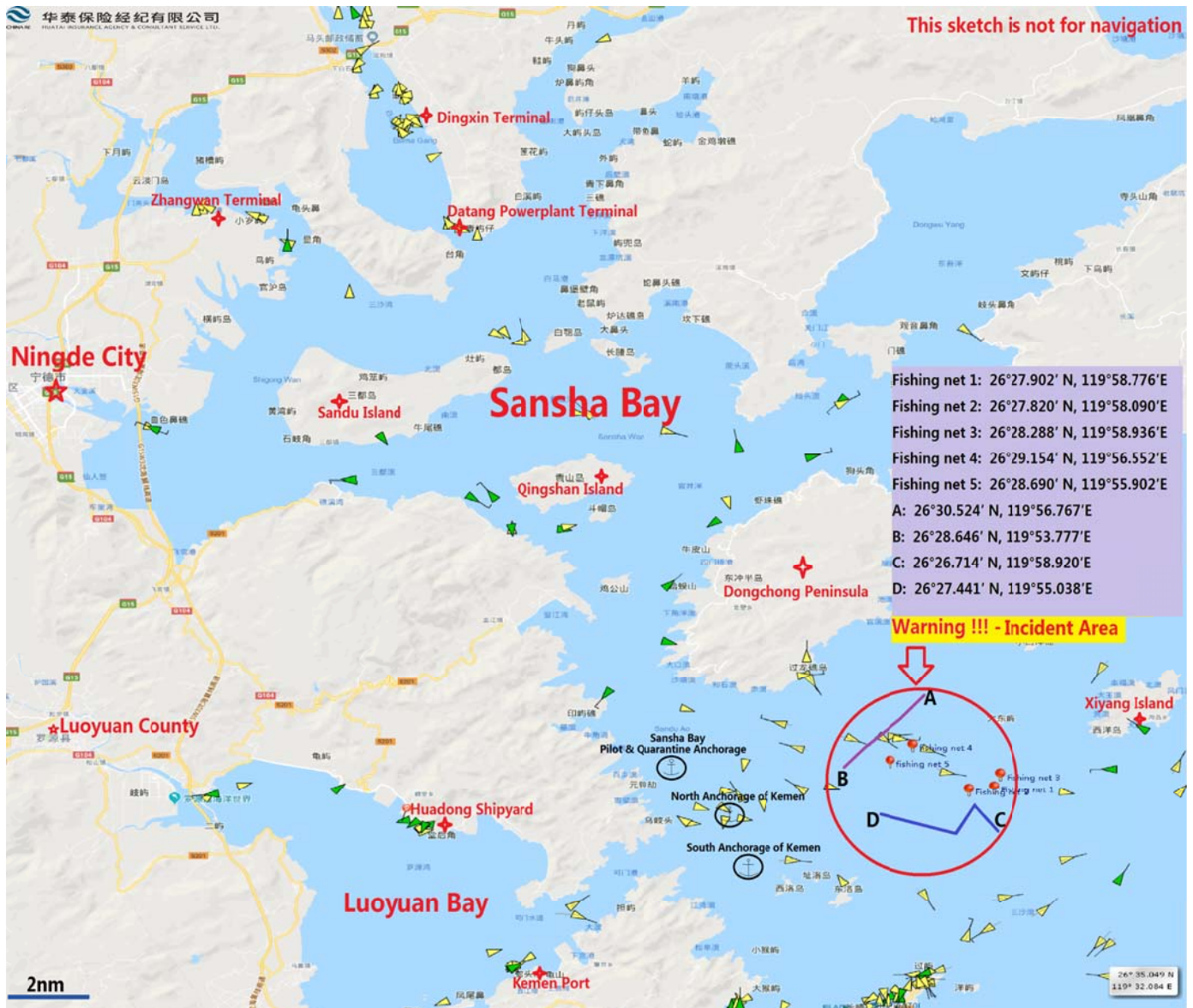
As per our local resource, the above waters are not the regulated anchorage for the ship and it's not marked in the sea chart. But due to the local anchorage is small or occupied by the small ships, the big/foreign ship always has to choose to drop anchor at this area.

It's unusual that several similar incidents occurred in a short period consecutively and these incidents also give rise to the local port authorities' attention.

2. Position of incident area

Basing on our collected information, we made a sketch to show the

position of the incident area including the position of 5 fishing nets in the two cases we handled and the navigation trace (A to B and C to D) of the two ships involved in the other two incidents.



3. Our suggestion

- Choosing a proper position to drop anchor where is away from this fishing net area.
- If there is no other choice, enter this area in the daytime with high care rather than in the night time.
- Enhancing lookout, especially in the mid-night, warn every fishing boats which try to approach the ship.

- d. In case the incident is occurred, fishermen's attending onboard shall be prohibited.
- e. Seeking more information from the local ship agent when it's necessary.

4. Emergency call

Any emergencies at the sea, the ship may contact the MSA via the Emergency Call: +86 12395.

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Hope the above is of assistance.

Sincerely yours

Best regards,



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