



# Caution on preventing accidents caused by dragging anchor



## TOMAKOMAI Port

The bottom of waters around TOMAKOMAI Port consists of **sand and pumice**, so that anchor holds ground ineffectively and it has caused many incidents of dragging anchor to date.

Vessels anchoring around TOMAKOMAI port are encouraged to follow instructions below in order to prevent dragging anchor.

## Ordinary Practices of Seamen

- Prioritize safety and choose appropriate anchorage
- Keep watching regularly and appropriately regardless of when navigating or anchoring
- Obtain the latest weather forecast and recognize the weather condition regularly
- Keep listening to the VHF ch16 regularly

## Early Voluntary Evacuation

The TOMAKOMAI coast guard station calls attention to mariners about on the rough weather whenever it is expected that we have strong wind or Typhoon approaching toward the TOMAKOMAI Port.

Additionally, the Captain of TOMAKOMAI Port issues the Advice as "Advice for prevent dragging anchor" based on the paragraph 4, article 39, the Act of Port Regulations, to all vessels anchoring in and around the TOMAKOMAI Port, when it is expected that southerly strong winds, which are 15m/s and more, blows in hours at that port and the Captain of TOMAKOMAI Port makes a judgment on risks and possibility of dragging anchor.

**However, vessel are asked to *evacuate voluntarily* in a timely manner prior to issue of *the Advice* in case the rough weather is expected.**

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**Some incidents of dragging anchor followed by grounding happened outside TOMAKOMAI Port!**



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