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TELEPHONE NUMBERS DURING BUSINESS HOURS

GUILD OFFICES:

Western Branch: (604) 939-8990

Eastern Branch: (905) 685-4224

CMSG 24-Hour Numbers: 1-888-427-4477
(613) 231-7683

N.B. These "24-hour numbers" are strictly reserved for reporting marine occurrences.

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

To report an accident (24 hrs)

1-800-387-3557 (819) 994-3741

SECURITAS HOTLINE - (to report a hazard)

Any individual can call the TSB SECURITAS hotline at 1-800-567-6865 to provide a confidential report of a serious marine hazard or danger which could potentially contribute to a marine incident. If anonymity is requested, the TSB will not release the identity of individuals reporting to SECURITAS.

This card is designed to be of assistance to all **Active Guild Members** in good standing paying full monthly dues at the employed rate. If you are working as a pilot, you must be paying Canadian Marine Pilot's Association dues in addition to the Guild dues **or** you must be working in a position identified in a Guild collective agreement.

Your involvement in a marine occurrence may result in your being interviewed by different authorities including the Transportation Safety Board, federal and local police forces, Transport Canada or similar authorities of the United States such as the U.S. Coast Guard, if the occurrence takes place in American waters.

As a Guild member, you may benefit from legal protection and assistance from a lawyer **before** answering any questions of investigating authorities. In order to be provided with legal advice in a timely manner, it is **important** to contact the Guild **promptly** to report any marine incident. Failure to report a Marine Occurrence may result in your being denied legal assistance. Members who are found to be in violation of the collective agreements, by-laws or policies of the CMSG will not be eligible for coverage.

MARINE OCCURRENCES

The following types of accidents or occurrences must be reported to the Transportation Safety Board. A report made to a radio ship reporting station is considered sufficient. Members must assure themselves that a report has been made by the Master, Pilot or Officer of the watch.

MEMBERS MUST ALSO REPORT TO THE GUILD:

- grounding or beaching, whether intentional or accidental, including contact with the bottom or with an underwater pipe or cable;
- sinking, foundering, or capsizing;
- collision or risk of collision;
- fire or explosion on board;
- abandonment or loss of a vessel;
- serious injury or death of a person on board;
- person falling overboard;
- total failure of any machinery or damage rendering a vessel unseaworthy;
- shifting of or loss of cargo from a vessel;
- physical incapacity of a person whose duties are directly related to the safe operation of a vessel;
- pollution or release of dangerous goods on board or overboard.

IN CASE OF A MARINE OCCURRENCE

- **ENSURE** that the immediate needs of passengers, crew members and any other person involved in the occurrence have been met.
- **ENSURE** that the occurrence has been reported to the Transportation Safety Board **AND THE GUILD**.
- **ENSURE** that any document or evidence relevant to the occurrence is preserved and protected.
- **MAKE NO STATEMENTS**, written or verbal, **SIGN NO DOCUMENTS** and **REFUSE TO BE INTERVIEWED** until you have consulted with the Guild or its legal representative.
- **DO NOT TALK** informally to any government inspector, police officer or to the press.