



## PUBLIC NOTICE STRONG WIND ADVISORY

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Kenya Maritime Authority (KMA) advises all mariners and fisher folk that there will be Strong Southerly winds of between 30-40 knots (15.43m/s-20.58m/s) and large ocean waves more than 2m in height are expected in Kwale, Mombasa, Kilifi, Tana River and Lamu from Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>. May, 2024 to Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2024.

Potential heavy rainfall and strong wind expected in these areas will lead to poor visibility.

Boat owners, boat operators, passengers, fisher folk and the public are advised of the following safety measures:

1. **OPEN DECKED VESSELS** to be completely removed out of water to avoid the risk of swamping and ultimately sinking.
2. **EFFECTIVE SECURING** of vessels in harbors or landing sites should be done with continuous monitoring to ensure mooring effectiveness.
3. **WEARING OF LIFE JACKETS** by boat crew and passengers including children while on board vessels. Enforcement measures shall be taken by relevant government agencies to ensure strict compliance.
4. **MONITORING THE WEATHER** conditions continuously. All persons are advised to avoid crossing flooded rivers during periods of heavy rainfall or strong winds.
5. **VESSEL MAINTENANCE** to ensure proper working condition. Unserviceable vessels must not be operated at any given time.
6. **MONITOR WATER LEVELS** regularly and be prepared to move to safer areas as advised by government agencies and other institutions involved in emergency rescue operations.



7. **DO NOT OVERLOAD.** Adhere to the maximum passenger capacity limits. Small open deck passenger vessels operating in sheltered channels to operate with reduced passenger capacity and increased freeboard to reduce risk of swamping.
8. **PREPARE FOR EMERGENCY** by having emergency equipment such as communication devices, lighting, and first aid kits readily available on the vessels.
9. **NAVIGATE SAFELY** by exercising good seamanship whenever venturing out to sea or operate within harbor/sheltered waters and maintain a safe distance from other vessels to prevent collisions.
10. **COMMUNICATE IMMEDIATELY** with other vessels or relevant authorities for emergency assistance when in distress.
11. **BEACHGOERS, SWIMMERS, AND WATER SPORTS USERS** are advised to stay out of the water until further notice.

KMA will continue to provide further weather updates which will be disseminated in case of any significant changes observed.

The Authority's Regional Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (RMRCC) can be reached through its emergency lines: Safaricom: **0721-368313** OR Airtel: **0737-719414** OR Telecom: **020 8007776** for reports of any emergencies.

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