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Dear Member,

Notice on Aerial Drone Surveillance for Maritime Operations

The **Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA)** has deployed drones to enhance patrol operations within Singapore's port waters. These drones provide regular aerial surveillance to complement and extend the reach of MPA's patrol craft.

During operations, the drones will maintain a safe distance while using high-resolution cameras and video analytics to monitor activities. If necessary, they will engage vessels via loud hailer, clearly identifying themselves as drones operated by MPA. Sea crew are expected to comply with all issued instructions.

The maritime community is reminded that videographic and photographic evidence of infringements will be used for enforcement actions against errant port users. MPA encourages everyone to play their part in maintaining safe, secure, and clean port waters. Members are encouraged to share this information with their contacts within the maritime community.

For any questions or further clarifications, please submit your enquiries to MPA using their feedback form (https://www.mpa.gov.sg/feedback).

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Warm Regards,

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