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Port Blair, dated 20 March, 2024

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This is brought to the notice of all concern that this Directorate has received complaints from solo women travellers and guests about privacy breach and misconduct by some watersports operators during conduct of watersports activities. This is very serious issue and its tamishes the image of Andaman Tourism in a very larger scale.

In view of the above, all the watersports operators (i.e Scuba Diving, Sea Walk, Parasailing, Kayaking, Sea Kart and Snorkel Guldes) are hereby directed to interact/behave with guests/ tourists with at most respect regardless of age, ethnicity, gender, religious affiliation, disability or sexual orientation.

This Directorate emphasizes on zero tolerance policy for any form of women harassment, privacy breach, misconduct or discrimination and committed to fostering a safe and respectful environment in the watersports industry across Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

Any form of women/ female harassment, misconduct, privacy breach or discrimination will be viewed seriously by this Directorate and necessary action as deemed fit will be initiated against that watersports centre or individual.

This issue with the approval of the competent authority.

Assistant Director(Admn.)

## Copy to:-

- 1. The Sr. PS to Secretary (IP&T), for information to Secretary (IP&T).
- 2. The Conservator of Forest (wildlife), Vansadan, Haddo for information.
- 3. The Chief wildlife Warden, Forest Dept. P/Blair for information.
- 4. The Commissioner, GST, South Andaman District for information.
- 5. The Dy. Commissioner, South Andaman District for information.
- 6. The Supdt. of Police, South Andaman District for Information.
- 7. The Harbour Master, Port Management Board for necessary action.
- 8. The Assistant Commissioner, Swaraj Dweep for information and necessary action.
- 9. The Divisional Forest Officer, Swaraj Dweep- Chairman, Diving Safety Supervisory Team (DSST), for necessary action.
- 10. The Head (Range Officer-Swaraj Dweep Circle) for information.
- 11. The Dy. SP, of Police, Swaraj Dweep, Member of DSST for information and necessary
- 12. The Range Officer, Swaraj Dweep & Shaheed Dweep A&N Forest, Chairman, Diving Safety Enforcement Team (DSET-1), Swaraj Dweep for Information and necessary action
- 13. The SHO, Swaraj Dweep, A&N Police, Member DSET-1, Swaraj Dweep for necessary action.
- 14. The SHO, Shaheed Dweep, A&N Police, for necessary action.
- 15. The Assistant Manager (Tourism), IP&T, Port Blair for information and necessary action.
- 16. The DSET members at North Bay through In-charge RGWSC, Port Blair for information and necessary action.
- 17. The TSET members at Swaraj Dweep through Beach Officer, Swaraj Dweep for information and necessary action.
- 18. The TSET members at RGSWC & North Bay, through In-charge RGWSC, Port Blair for information and necessary action.
- 19. The TSET members at Corbyn's Cove, Port Blair through Beach Officer, Corbyn's Cove, Port Blair for information and necessary action.
- 20. The Beach Officer, Swaraj Dweep for information and necessary action.
- 21. The Beach Officer, Carbyn's Cove, Port Blair for information and necessary action.
- 22. The In-charge, Hawabill Nest, Shaheed Dweep for information and necessary action.

23. Shri Iftekhar Ahmed Khan, President, Scuba Divers Association, Swaraj Dweep for information and information and necessary action.

24. The President, Scuba Divers Association, Shaheed Dweep for information and

necessary action.

25. The President, North Bay Dive Club, Port Blair through In-charge RGWSC, Port Blair for information information and necessary action.

26. M/s Lacadives Diving LLP, Chidiyatapu Survey No. 116, Chidiyatapu, Port Blair for information and necessary action.

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27. The Snorkel Guides at North Bay, Port Blair through In-charge RGWSC, Port Blair for information information and necessary action.

28. The Snorkel Guides at Elephant Beach, Swaraj Dweep through Beach Officer, Elephant Beach, for information Beach, for information and necessary action.

29. The General Secretary, Andaman Parasailing Association, Port Blair for information and

30. The Kayak Operators, Swaraj Dweep through Beach Officer, Radha Nagar Swaraj

31. Shri Tauseef Rasheed, Managing Director, M/s Starfish Adventures Private Ltd., Building 1585, Prem Nagar Junction, Prem Nagar, Port Blair, South Andaman.

32. The In-charge, IT Section, Directorate of IP&T for information and uploading the same

on the official website of A&N Administration.

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