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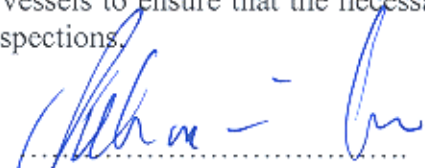
**JAMAICAN REGISTERED SHIPS**

- (1) **OWNERS**
- (2) **MANAGERS**
- (3) **AGENTS**
- (4) **EUROPEAN REGIONAL OFFICE**

The Maritime Authority of Jamaica is advising all boat operators to make all effort to protect their vessels from lightning strikes. The following precautions are recommended:

1. **Ensure all electronic and electrical equipment are properly secured to the vessel's grounding system**
2. **In the event of lightning storms ensure that crew members not on essential duties and passengers remain inside the vessel if possible**
3. **Return to port at the earliest opportunity**
4. **Sailing masts should be properly grounded**
5. **As far as possible, persons should keep away from metal objects**
6. **Do not use your two-way radio if possible during the lightning storm**

Inspectors will be checking vessels to ensure that the necessary precautions are in place during their normal safety inspections.

  
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