STRANDED BIRD ENCOUNTERS

When you find a bird on deck at night, please provide the following information (instructions are on back)

Vessel/Platform Name_____

Recorder's Name(s) _____

Date	Wind direction	Beaufort Sea state	Visibility (clear, overcast, fog)	Species*	Number	Bird condition when found (oiled, wet, dry, dead)	Comments

**** Note: If you do not know the species, please try to indicate whether it is a gull, petrel, songbird, gannet, etc.***

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR RECORDING INFORMATION ON STRANDED BIRD ENCOUNTERS

Vessel/Platform: Give the name of the vessel or platform on which you are working.
Recorder's Name: Indicate the person(s) recording information.

Date: Give the date that the birds were encountered.
Wind direction: the direction from which the wind is blowing.
Beaufort Sea state: the wind force measured on Beaufort scale.
Visibility: indicate whether it is a clear night (can see stars), overcast, or foggy.
Species: the species of bird encountered.
Number: the number of birds encountered at that particular time.
Condition: the condition of the bird when encountered (wet, dry, oiled, dead, etc.)

Beaufort Sea State

0 = calm (glassy) 0 knots
1 = light (ripples) 1 - 3 knots
2 = breeze (wavelets) 4 - 6 knots
3 = gentle breeze (large wavelets) 7 - 10 knots
4 = moderate breeze (whitecaps) 11 - 16 knots
5 = fresh breeze (spray, waves) 17 - 21 knots
6 = strong breeze (wave crests) 22 - 27 knots
7 = near gale (streaks, foam) 28 - 33 knots
8 = whole gale (moderate waves) 34 - 40 knots
9 = strong gale (high waves) 41 - 47 knots
10 = storm (breaking seas) 48 - 55 knots
11 = Hurricane - > 60 knots

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