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Subject:  Alerting partners that NDBC weather buoy #46015 near
Port Orford, Oregon, was damaged by a passing vessel
on November 16, 2019, and is inoperable

On Saturday, November 16, 2019, NOAA National Data Buoy Center (NDBC)
weather buoy # 46015, located 15 NM west of Port Orford, Oregon, was hit
and significantly damaged by a passing vessel. The damage occurred within
10 hours after the NDBC replaced this buoy. The damaged buoy has since
been retrieved.

NDBC monitors, operates and maintains weather buoys located in coastal
waters around the U.S.

Mariners are reminded to maintain a safe distance when navigating near
these buoys to avoid entanglement and collisions. NOAA buoys are federal
property, and Sections 641 and 1361 of Title 18, U.S. Code, make it
illegal to tamper or interfere with them. If a vessel becomes entangled
or collides with a buoy, the mariner is encouraged to report the event to
the NDBC.

The buoy # 46015 will remain inoperable until arrangements can be made to
replace it. The NDBC is working to schedule a ship to deploy another buoy
and mooring. An updated Service Change Notice will be sent to alert users
that the buoy is back in service.

NDBC webpage and buoy # 46015 station page can be found at:
https://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/
https://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/station_page.php?station=46015

To access the referenced U.S. Federal Codes:
https://uscode.house.gov/browse/prelim@title18/part1/chapter65&edition=pre
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