

## **PORT NOTICE**

# **Shipping Channels in the Port of Darwin**

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**General Manager, Operations**

## PREFACE

This Port Notice is issued pursuant to Section 57 of the *Ports Management Act 2015 (NT)*.

## SCOPE

This Port Notice applies to the operation of vessels within the gazetted Port of Darwin as detailed in Figure 1.



Figure 1 – Darwin Port Limits

## DIRECTION

The owner or master of a vessel must not operate, moor, anchor or secure the vessel in a manner that is likely to:

- obstruct or impede the safe passage or navigation of another vessel; or
- create a hazard to the safe passage, navigation or operation of another vessel.

A person shall not engage in conduct, including the unlawful use of nets, lines, pots or other gear where the conduct obstructs, hinders or endangers, or is likely to obstruct, hinder or endanger, the safe passage of a vessel.

A vessel of less than 20 metres in length or a sailing vessel shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway.

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A vessel engaged in fishing shall not impede the passage of any other vessel navigating within a narrow channel or fairway.

The following are the coordinates of the shipping channels in the Port of Darwin:

<b>Outer Channel</b>	12° 19.130' E	130° 40.275' E
	12° 20.596' S	130° 42.907' E
	12° 21.228' S	130° 43.433' E
	12° 23.520' S	130° 44.680' E
	12° 26.073' S	130° 46.823' E
	12° 28.112' S	130° 48.340' E
	12° 28.780' S	130° 48.710' E
	12° 28.750' S	130° 49.086' E
	12° 28.575' S	130° 49.232' E
	12° 28.078' S	130° 49.247' E
	12° 21.850' S	130° 44.140' E
	12° 21.080' S	130° 43.630' E
	12° 20.521' S	130° 43.162' E
	12° 18.600' E	130° 41.700' E
12° 18.183' S	130° 41.058' E	

<b>Sadgroves Channel</b>	12° 28.269' S	130° 51.187' E
	12° 28.010' S	130° 51.242' E
	12° 27.788' S	130° 51.240' E
	12° 27.492' S	130° 51.150' E
	12° 27.350' S	130° 51.109' E
	12° 27.322' S	130° 50.928' E
	12° 27.350' S	130° 50.924' E
	12° 27.372' S	130° 51.081' E
	12° 27.488' S	130° 51.088' E
	12° 27.488' S	130° 50.989' E
	12° 27.484' S	130° 50.958' E
	12° 27.543' S	130° 50.952' E
	12° 27.543' S	130° 51.090' E
	12° 27.818' S	130° 51.151' E
12° 28.135' S	130° 51.097' E	
12° 28.196' S	130° 51.035' E	

<b>Middle Arm Channel</b>	12° 28.780' S	130° 48.710' E
	12° 30.325' S	130° 49.530' E
	12° 31.329' S	130° 50.070' E
	12° 31.500' E	130° 50.542' E
	12° 31.778' E	130° 50.850' E
	12° 31.505' E	130° 51.022' E
	12° 31.320' E	130° 50.950' E
	12° 30.733' S	130° 50.509' E
	12° 29.342' E	130° 49.443' E
	12° 28.750' S	130° 49.086' E

<b>Bladin Point Channel</b>	12° 29.908' S	130° 52.752' E
	12° 30.397' S	130° 53.245' E
	12° 30.486' S	130° 53.674' E
	12° 30.627' S	130° 54.442' E
	12° 30.534' S	130° 54.958' E
	12° 30.347' S	130° 54.923' E
	12° 30.188' S	130° 54.160' E
	12° 30.299' S	130° 53.710' E
	12° 30.015' S	130° 53.110' E
	12° 29.926' S	130° 53.000' E
	12° 29.800' S	130° 52.920' E
	12° 29.679' S	130° 52.939' E

<b>Channel Island Channel</b>	12° 31.329' S	130° 50.070' E
	12° 33.750' S	130° 51.278' E
	12° 33.571' S	130° 51.720' E
	12° 33.420' S	130° 51.690' E
	12° 33.420' S	130° 51.610' E
	12° 32.850' S	130° 51.180' E
	12° 31.500' E	130° 50.542' E

<b>Hudson Creek Channel</b>	12° 30.299' S	130° 53.710' E
	12° 30.188' S	130° 54.160' E
	12° 30.217' S	130° 54.302' E
	12° 29.418' S	130° 55.132' E
	12° 29.293' S	130° 55.482' E
	12° 29.135' S	130° 55.680' E
	12° 28.771' S	130° 55.989' E
	12° 28.688' S	130° 55.879' E
	12° 29.027' S	130° 55.510' E
	12° 29.205' S	130° 55.460' E
	12° 29.349' S	130° 55.050' E
	12° 29.915' S	130° 54.200' E
	12° 30.126' S	130° 53.344' E

<b>City Channel</b>	12° 28.575' S	130° 49.232' E
	12° 28.775' S	130° 50.410' E
	12° 28.960' S	130° 51.530' E
	12° 28.600' S	130° 51.442' E
	12° 28.269' S	130° 51.187' E
	12° 28.196' S	130° 51.035' E
	12° 28.358' S	130° 50.658' E
	12° 28.452' S	130° 50.465' E
12° 28.078' S	130° 49.247' E	

<b>MSB Channel</b>	12° 30.015' S	130° 53.110' E
	12° 29.911' S	130° 53.277' E
	12° 29.807' S	130° 53.419' E
	12° 29.663' S	130° 53.446' E
	12° 29.578' S	130° 53.497' E
	12° 29.430' S	130° 53.431' E
	12° 29.424' S	130° 53.400' E
	12° 29.591' S	130° 53.368' E
	12° 29.647' S	130° 53.382' E
	12° 29.779' S	130° 53.336' E
	12° 29.913' S	130° 53.131' E
12° 29.926' S	130° 53.000' E	

<b>East Arm Channel</b>	12° 28.960' S	130° 51.530' E
	12° 29.157' S	130° 51.803' E
	12° 29.908' S	130° 52.752' E
	12° 29.679' S	130° 52.939' E
	12° 29.555' S	130° 53.030' E
	12° 29.300' S	130° 52.682' E
	12° 29.194' S	130° 52.420' E
	12° 28.600' S	130° 51.442' E

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<b>MOF Channel</b>	12° 30.325' S	130° 54.817' E
	12° 30.229' S	130° 54.933' E
	12° 30.260' S	130° 55.477' E
	12° 30.474' S	130° 55.608' E
	12° 30.598' S	130° 55.505' E
	12° 30.944' S	130° 55.695' E
	12° 30.944' S	130° 55.830' E
	12° 30.730' S	130° 56.015' E
	12° 30.398' S	130° 55.868' E
	12° 30.148' S	130° 55.689' E
	12° 30.067' S	130° 54.880' E
	12° 30.268' S	130° 54.544' E

<b>MUBR Channel</b>	12° 29.415' S	130° 54.059' E
	12° 29.524' S	130° 53.988' E
	12° 30.087' S	130° 53.501' E
	12° 30.026' S	130° 53.750' E
	12° 29.546' S	130° 54.023' E
	12° 29.429' S	130° 54.098' E

<sup>1</sup> For the avoidance of doubt, vessels must not anchor in shipping channels except in an emergency.

## REVIEW STATEMENT

This direction will be reviewed biennially by the Port Management Officer.

## REFERENCE LEGISLATION

- *Ports Management Act 2015 (NT)*
- *Marine Act 1981 (NT) Section 115A – Duty not to Obstruct*
- *Marine Act 1981 (NT) Section 115B – Person not to obstruct or endanger safe passage*
- *Navigation Act 2012 (Cwth)*
- Marine Order 30 (Prevention of collisions) 2016
- International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea 1972



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