

PORT NOTICE

Pilot Boarding Ground Criteria

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General Manager, Operations

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PREFACE

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

SCOPE

This Port Notice applies to ships transiting through Pilotage Zones of Darwin as detailed in figure 1.

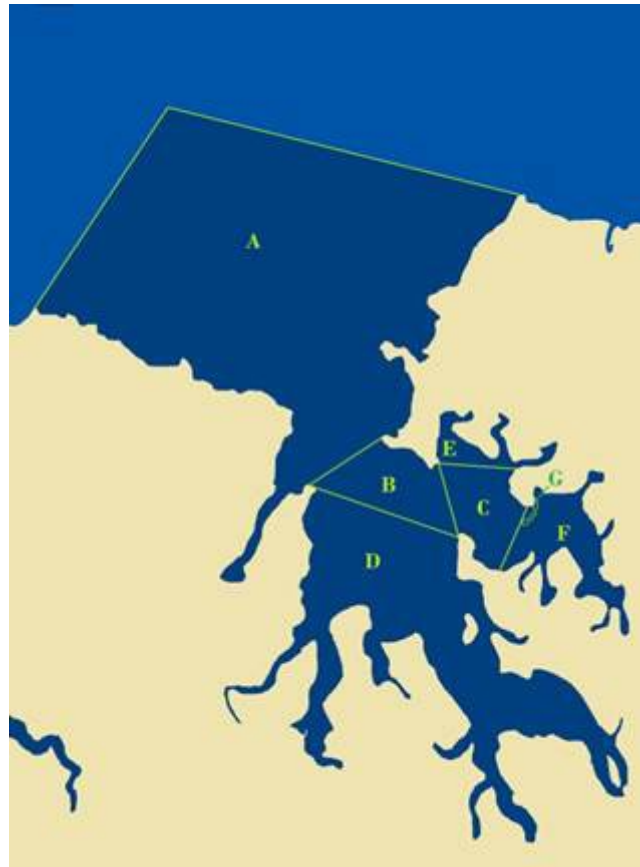


Figure 1 – Pilotage Zones Port of Darwin

DEFINITIONS

Term	Definition
Pilotage Authority	the person appointed to be the regional harbourmaster for the port of Darwin under section 19(1) of the <i>Ports Management Act 2015</i>
Pilotage Exemption Certificate	a valid (or current) certificate issued under Part 8, Division 4 of the <i>Ports Management Act 2015</i> to a ship’s master which exempts that person from the need to take on board a pilot in the port of Darwin for the applicable zone/s.

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DIRECTION

Compulsory Pilotage Area

Pilotage is compulsory in the Port of Darwin:

- North of 12° 25'S for vessels of 200 metres overall length or greater or of 10.7m draft or greater and proceeding south of the Outer Pilot Boarding Ground, 12° 19'S;
- South of 12° 25'S for all vessels of 35 metres overall length or greater.

All vessels of 35 metres overall length or greater, south of 12° 25'S, must either carry a licenced pilot or be under the lawful command of a master who holds a pilotage exemption certificate issued by the pilotage authority and endorsed for the appropriate zones of the Port and for the vessel being navigated within them.

There are two pilot boarding grounds marked on the Australian hydrographic charts at which Pilots embark and disembark vessels arriving at or departing from the Port of Darwin.

The Outer Pilot Boarding Ground (OPBG) is situated in position 12°19'S, 130°42'E. Vessels greater than 200 metres overall length and/or vessels with a draught greater than 10.7 metres shall embark and disembark their pilot at the OPBG.

The Inner Pilot Boarding Ground (IPBG) is situated adjacent to Channel Rock, in position 12°24'S, 130°46'E. Vessels requiring a pilot, other than those above, shall embark and disembark their pilot at the IPBG.

All vessels navigating in the vicinity of pilot boarding grounds must do so with additional caution and be aware of vessels manoeuvring to embark or disembark Pilots.

REVIEW STATEMENT

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

REFERENCES

- *Port Management Act 2015 (NT)*
- Technical and Safety Standards for Pilotage and Provision of Pilotage Services



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