



VICTORIAN NOTICES TO MARINERS

The following Notice to Mariners is published for general information.

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PORT OF MELBOURNE

RIVER YARRA – WESTGATE BRIDGE STRENGTHENING WORKS

Date: Effective 0001 hours on 12 October 2010 to on about 17 December 2010

Former Notice: 041 (T) superseded.

Details: Mariners are advised that works currently underway over the shipping channel by VicRoads will be carried out by semi-static platforms. The platforms are shallower in depth than the previously used gantries and are to work 24/7 until the planned completion of the strengthening works on about 17 December 2010.

Commencing 12 October the following restrictions for transiting vessels apply:

Vessels with an air draught of less than 43.5m

- No restrictions apply however notice is to be provided to construction crew.

Vessels with an air draught between 43.5m and 49m

- Transit is permitted subject to evacuation of all personnel from the platform.

Vessels with an air draught greater than 49m

- Transit is permitted however notice to be provided to platform master to retract the platform.

Notice of requirement to transit

Vessels with an air draught of less than 43.5m

Notice to be provided to platform master for vessel transiting the Westgate Bridge.

- Incoming vessels report to Melbourne VTS on passing Breakwater Pier.
- Departing vessels report to Melbourne VTS on departure from berths upstream of the Westgate Bridge.

Vessels with an air draught between 43.5m and 49m.

Notice is to be provided to platform master to evacuate all personnel from the work platforms for vessels transiting the bridge.

- Incoming vessels report to Melbourne VTS 30 minutes prior arrival at Fawkner Beacon.
- Outgoing vessels report to Melbourne VTS 30 minutes prior departing berths upstream of the West Gate Bridge.

Vessels with an air draught greater than 49m.

Notice is to be provided to platform master to move the work platforms for vessels transiting the bridge.

- Incoming vessels report to Melbourne VTS after rounding Hovell Pile.
- Departing vessels report to Melbourne VTS 2 hours prior departing berths upstream of the West Gate Bridge.

Melbourne VTS will relay the notice to the West Gate Bridge Platform Master.

Accuracy of Vessel Transit Information.

Masters and Agents of vessels are reminded of the critical nature of the operation and are advised to exercise due care to ensure the accuracy of the air draught when providing vessel's arrival and departure information to Melbourne VTS. Master's and Agents are also reminded to ensure the accuracy of estimated departure time when notifying Melbourne VTS of the required 30 minutes / 2 hours notice to depart the berth depending on vessel's air draught.

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Publications

Affected:

Further notice: No further notice will be issued.



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