



VICTORIAN NOTICE TO MARINERS

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Australia – Victoria – Western Port

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Marine Geophysical Surveys in Western Port

Effective; 13th December 2013

Details; The Port of Hastings Development Authority has engaged contractors to carry out a marine geophysical survey within Western Port. Survey work will be carried out between the 13th of December 2013 and the 31st of March 2014. Vessels conducting the survey will be using the equipment described below.

Side scan sonar and a magnetometer “towfish” towed below the sea surface at 5-10m off the sea floor and with a layback ranging from 30m within shallow water areas up to 100m in deeper water areas. A surface towed boomer and hydrophone will be towed 30m astern. A chirp system will operate at 40m behind the vessel at depths of up to 20m.

Vessels conducting the survey will be operating at 3 to 4 knots and will be restricted in their ability to manoeuvre whilst survey is underway.

Mariners are directed to keep well clear of the Vessels conducting the survey.

Work will be carried out in the areas depicted below.



Port of Hastings Development Authority
Extent of Marine Survey



Further Notice: This notice is self cancelling.

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Harbour Master – Western Port**