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Coastal Pilotage

Vessel masters, owners and operators are reminded about the coastal pilotage requirements within the Great Barrier Reef and Torres Strait, as prescribed in Marine Order 54 (Coastal pilotage) 2014.

An AMSA-licensed coastal pilot is required for any vessel that navigates in a defined coastal pilotage area:

- a. that is 70m or longer in length overall; or
- b. that is a loaded:
 - i. oil tanker; or
 - ii. chemical carrier; or
 - iii. liquefied gas carriernot including naval vessels.

Coastal pilotage areas are defined as:

- Hydrographers Passage;
- Inner Route;
- Torres Strait;
- Great North East Channel; and
- Whitsundays.

It is important to note that the master of a vessel is not relieved of responsibility for the conduct and safe navigation of the vessel whilst the vessel is under pilotage¹.

Masters or owners may apply to AMSA for exemption from the pilotage requirements of the Navigation Act. An application must also be made to the Great Barrier Marine Park Authority to navigate without a licensed pilot in Hydrographers Passage, Inner Route and Whitsundays.

Coastal Pilotage Area Limits²

Hydrographers Passage pilotage area means the area bounded by a line that progressively joins the following points:

<i>Point</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>
1	20° 39.11'S	149° 49.36'E
2	20° 35.91'S	150° 07.36'E
3	20° 28.31'S	150° 18.06'E
4	20° 02.91'S	150° 03.06'E
5	19° 54.91'S	150° 16.56'E
6	19° 39.91'S	150° 10.56'E
7	19° 50.91'S	150° 33.06'E
8	20° 01.41'S	150° 25.86'E
9	20° 06.91'S	150° 17.26'E
10	20° 19.91'S	150° 27.06'E
11	20° 32.91'S	150° 27.06'E
12	20° 41.51'S	150° 11.66'E
13	20° 54.41'S	150° 01.96'E
14	20° 39.11'S	149° 49.36'E

Inner Route pilotage area means the waters bounded by:

- i. the Australian mainland; and
- ii. the outer eastern edge of the REEFREP reporting area³, and
- iii. the northern boundary of the Great Barrier Reef Region (latitude 10° 41.00'S)⁴; and
- iv. latitude 16° 39.91'S; and
- v. the Torres Strait, excluding the waters to the north of latitude 10° 28.00'S and east of longitude 142° 39.00'E.

Torres Strait means the waters bounded:

- a. on the south by latitude 10° 41.00'S; and
- b. on the east:
 - i. for a ship moving eastward - by longitude 143° 22.00'E; or
 - ii. for any other vessel - by longitude 143° 24.00'E; and
- c. on the north by the line of Australia's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ); and
- d. on the west:
 - i. for a vessel of less than 8m draught - by longitude 142° 05.00'E; or
 - ii. for a vessel of 8m draught or more moving eastward - by longitude - 141° 50.00'E; or
 - iii. for a vessel of 8m draught or more moving westward - by longitude 141° 51.70'E.

a. to the following points:

<i>Point</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>
1	19° 58.02'S	148° 18.60'E
2	19° 57.83'S	148° 18.53'E
3	19° 58.00'S	148° 21.68'E
4	19° 58.28'S	148° 27.05'E
5	19° 58.37'S	148° 27.40'E
6	19° 59.28'S	148° 33.62'E
7	20° 00.82'S	148° 37.48'E
8	20° 02.17'S	148° 53.07'E
9	20° 03.58'S	148° 57.92'E
10	20° 14.42'S	149° 10.47'E
11	20° 15.20'S	149° 11.15'E
12	20° 28.93'S	149° 08.03'E
13	20° 31.20'S	149° 09.07'E
14	20° 34.28'S	149° 10.50'E
15	20° 33.91'S	149° 07.06'E
16	20° 39.73'S	148° 45.82'E

Great North East Channel pilotage area means the area bounded by a line that progressively joins the following points:

<i>Point</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>
1	10° 41.0'S	141° 50.0'E
2	10° 28.0'S	141° 50.0'E
3	10° 28.0S'	142° 27.0'E
4	10° 18.0'S	142° 48.0'E
5	9° 48.0'S	143° 08.0'E
6	9° 30.0'S	143° 24.0'E
7	9° 45.0'S	143° 24.0'E
8	10° 20.0'S	143° 00.0'E
9	10° 41.0'S	141° 50.0'E

- b. west along parallel of latitude 20° 39.73'S to the coastline of the mainland at low water, near Midge Point; and
- c. generally northerly, easterly, south-easterly and north-westerly along the coastline of the mainland at low water to the point where the boundary began.

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Whitsundays pilotage area⁵ means the area bounded by a line that begins at the northernmost point of Cape Gloucester at low water, at about latitude 20° 03.94'S, longitude 148° 27.51'E, and continues progressively:

¹ *Navigation Act 2012* section 326.

² All coordinates listed are WGS84.

³ The outer eastern edge of REEFREP reporting area is depicted on official nautical charts produced by the Australian Hydrographic Service (AHS).

⁴ The Great Barrier Reef Region is defined in the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975*.

⁵ The Whitsundays pilotage area is defined in the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Regulations 1983*.