

# NOTICE TO MARINERS

GIPPSLAND PORTS



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**AUSTRALIA - VICTORIA**

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**PORT OF CORNER INLET AND PORT ALBERT**

**AIDS TO NAVIGATION**

**BUOY EXCHANGE PROGRAM 2019**

**DATE:** 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019

**DETAILS:** Mariners are advised that maintenance works will commence on or about Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 for the exchange of navigation buoyage in the Port of Corner Inlet and at the Port Albert Entrance. The program is expected to take approximately 5 days to complete.

The buoys to be exchanged in Corner Inlet are;  
Corner Inlet Main Channel – No.2 (Fl.R.4s) & No.6 (Fl.R.4s).  
Toora Channel – No.9 (Iso.G.2s)  
Barry Beach Channel – No.2 ECM (VQ(3).5s)  
Middle Channel – No.2 (Fl.R.2s) & No.4 (Fl.R.4s) & No.6 (Fl.R.3s)  
& No.1 (Fl.G.3s)

The buoy to be exchanged at Port Albert is;  
Port Albert Entrance Outer Red Light Buoy (Fl.R.2s).

NOTE: Following recent reports, a survey of the Port Albert Entrance Channel approaches will be carried out on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019. In accordance with the information gained from that survey the configuration of the Port Albert Fairway buoy (LFl.10s) and the Outer Green light buoy (Fl.G.3s) shall be evaluated for repositioning if necessary. The new positions will be promulgated via a separate Notice to Mariners on completion of the Port Albert exchange program.

During the buoy exchange program;

1. Gippsland Ports vessel's "Albatross" and "Shearwater" shall be engaged in each buoy exchange. These vessels shall maintain a listening watch on VHF Ch.16 at all times.
2. The buoy exchange program includes towing operations and each vessel will display the lights and day shapes

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prescribed in the Prevention of Collision Regulations (COLREGS).

3. The buoy exchange program includes daylight hour diving operations and the Dive vessel "Shearwater" will display the Code "A" dive flag.
4. There may be periods of time when one or more of the above-named navigation buoys will be missing from station.
5. There will be no change to the flash rate or number/name of the above navigation buoys and any significant change to the geographical position will be promulgated in the issue of the next Notice to Mariners following the conclusion of the buoy exchange program.

Mariners are advised to take extra precaution when navigating in the vicinity of these operations and are requested to give a wide berth and reduce speed to minimize wake when passing the buoy exchange vessels.

**CHART  
AFFECTED:** Chart Aus.181 & Aus.182

**PUBLICATIONS  
AFFECTED:** Admiralty Sailing Directions – Australian Pilot Vol II NP14  
Gippsland Ports Waterways online website available at;  
<https://www.gippslandports.vic.gov.au/boating/waterways-online/>

**FURTHER  
NOTICE:** A further Notice shall be issued.

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