

NOTICE TO MARINERS

GIPPSLAND PORTS



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No. 201(T) OF 2019

PORT OF MALLACOOTA INLET

BASTION POINT BOAT RAMP AND APPROACHES

CUTTER SUCTION DREDGING OPERATIONS

DATE: 23rd August 2019

PREVIOUS NOTICE: Notice to Mariners No.085 of 2019 is referred.
Notice to Mariners No 179(T) of 2019 is referred and cancelled.

DETAILS: East Gippsland Shire has engaged a contract Cutter Suction Dredge (CSD) operated by Slurry Systems Pty.Ltd. to reinstate depths in the approach channel to the Bastion Point boat ramp.

The Cutter Suction Dredge (see attached photo) is operated with spuds and a taught wire assembly attached to anchors laid adjacent to the rock walls on either side of the approach channel, (see attached dredge configuration drawing).

Dredging operations shall be conducted as follows;

- When environmental conditions permit
- During daylight hours only, from 07:30hrs. to 16:00hrs.
- For a period of approximately three weeks from the date of this Notice

On completion of daily dredging operations, the taught wire and anchor assembly will be removed from the water and the CSD Dredge will be moored in the Northern ramp approach area.

During dredging operations, a "Spotter" will be stationed on the Breakwater wall with a clear view of approaching vessels and the boat ramp harbour. Radio communications to the "Spotter" and the CSD Dredge will be via Marine VHF on Channel 16. Vessel operators are requested to contact the Dredge prior to vessel launching and departure and prior to arrival and retrieving.

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Communication is important to inform the dredge operator to drop the taught wire to the seabed and allow vessel access to or from the boat ramp.

Mariners are advised that the East Gippsland Shire Council will post signage at the boat ramp apron with instructions similar to this Notice. If necessary one boat ramp access lane may be closed from time to time during dredging operations.

Transits of the approach channel should only be carried out if there is sufficient height of tide taking into consideration the vessels draft, the existing sea state, predicted weather conditions for the duration of the voyage and the expected conditions for the time of return

Mariners are also advised to take extra precaution when departing or approaching the Bastion Point Boat Ramp due to compromised depth caused by the shoaling and the operations of the CSD Dredger. Passengers should be briefed so they are aware of the heightened risk that may prevail at the time of departure or arrival.

Further details can be obtained from Gippsland Ports Lakes Entrance Office on (03) 51556900

**CHART
AFFECTED:** Chart Aus. 805

**PUBLICATIONS
AFFECTED:** Gippsland Ports Waterways Online available at <https://www.gippslandports.vic.gov.au/boating/waterways-online/>

**FURTHER
NOTICE:** A further notice shall be issued

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