

# NOTICE TO MARINERS

GIPPSLAND PORTS



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**AUSTRALIA - VICTORIA**

**No.243(T) of 2022**

**PORT OF GIPPSLAND LAKES**

**LAKES ENTRANCE BAR - BAR CONDITION WARNING**

**SEVERE SWELL EVENT**

**BAR APPROACH DEPTHS MAY BE COMPROMISED**

**DATE:** 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022

**PREVIOUS NOTICE:** Notice to Mariners No.238(T) of 2022 is referred.

**DETAILS:** Mariners are advised that a severe swell event has occurred at the Entrance to the Gippsland Lakes over the past few days. The event was caused by a deep Low-pressure system in the Tasman Sea. South Easterly swells in excess of 6 metres were experienced in the vicinity of the Lakes Entrance Bar.

Observations on the Gippsland Ports webcam from the Flagstaff indicate that depths may have been compromised on the **Line 4 leading "Lights in Line"** (NtoM No.238(T) refers to the leading lights in line on Line 4).

Bar depths to the East of Line 4 have also been compromised. From webcam observation Line 2 to Line 3.5 appear to carry deeper water but depths are unknown since the last survey.

A bathymetric Survey will be carried out as soon as swell and tide conditions allow and a Notice to Mariners will be promulgated with the results of that survey. If necessary, a change will be made to the Leading Lights in Line.

Mariners are advised to take extra precaution when crossing the Bar at Lakes Entrance, noting that the best time to cross the bar is during daylight hours at slack water in the entrance channel and swells less than 1.5 metres.

Near real time wave, tide and weather conditions are available on the Gippsland Ports Website at:

[Lakes Entrance Waves Tides and Weather - Gippsland Ports](#)

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For further information please call Gippsland Ports Harbour Master  
on 0427 610 025

**CHARTS**  
**AFFECTED:** ENC AUSLEN01

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

**FURTHER**  
**NOTICE:** A further notice will be issued.

**CAPT. BEVIS HAYWARD**  
**HARBOUR MASTER**  
**GIPPSLAND PORTS**