

## Australia – Victoria

No. 472 (T) - 2022

### PORT OF MELBOURNE

#### MASTERS REQUIREMENTS FOR PORT SERVICE PROVIDERS

**Date:** 16 December 2022

**Refers:** N/A

**Details:** Masters of vessels engaging service providers in the Port of Melbourne which includes Pilots, mooring gangs, and tugs are advised of the following requirements:

1. Pilots must not depart a vessel arriving at berth until:
  - a. the vessel is safely secured to the berth (all fast); and
  - b. vessel's accommodation ladder or gangway is confirmed in the correct position by the mooring gang; and
  - c. tug(s) if in attendance and mooring gangs are dismissed as determined by the Master of the vessel; and
  - d. the Master of the vessel determines the Pilot is no longer required.
2. Pilots must not depart a vessel arriving at anchor until:
  - a. the vessel is no longer underway; and
  - b. the vessel is brought up to anchor; or
  - c. the Master of the vessel determines the Pilot is no longer required.
3. Mooring gangs must remain in attendance at the berth on vessel arrival until such time the Master/Pilot is satisfied that the vessel is safely secured to the berth (all fast). Mooring gangs are to be contacted on the appropriate VHF working channel by the Master/Pilot of the vessel when no longer required to stand by at the berth.
4. Mooring gangs must remain in attendance at the berth on vessel departure until such time the Master/Pilot is satisfied with the manoeuvrability of the vessel. Mooring gangs are to be contacted on the appropriate VHF working channel by the Master/Pilot of the vessel when no longer required to stand by at the berth.

For further information, please contact Melbourne VTS on (03) 9644 9700 or on VHF Channel 12.

**Charts & Publications affected**      N/A

**Further notice:**      No further notice will be issued.



**Warwick Laing  
Harbour Master**

This notice is a direction of the Harbour Master pursuant to section 232 of the *Marine Safety Act 2010* (Vic)  
The requirements of section 232(2) have been taken into account.

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