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**PORT OF MELBOURNE**

**PORT PHILLIP - SOUTH CHANNEL – SHOAL AREAS -**

**TEMPORARY VIRTUAL AIDS TO NAVIGATION ESTABLISHED AND OPERATIONAL INSTRUCTION FOR SOUTH CHANNEL**

**Date:** 6 April 2023

**Refers:** NtM 324 (T) - 2022 Port of Melbourne South Channel - Temporary Virtual Aid to Navigation and Operational Instructions for South Channel is hereby cancelled.

**Details:** Mariners are advised that surveys in the South Channel have identified areas of shoaling which are marked by virtual buoys in the following locations:

Identification Message	Lat	Long	Shoal depth
TB 3	38° 17.635'S	144° 41.144'E	15.2m
TB 4	38° 17.751'S	144° 41.652'E	15.2m
TB 5	38° 18.047'S	144° 43.255'E	15.3m
TB 6	38° 18.202'S	144° 44.377'E	15.4m
TB 7	38° 19.067'S	144° 48.633'E	15.0m
TB 8	38° 19.741'S	144° 54.077'E	14.9m
TB 11	38° 19.390'S	144° 50.145'E	15.3m

Vessels with a draught of **13.50m and greater** are advised to refer to the **Operational Instruction (OI) No. 01 / 2023** (attached) when navigating in the South Channel.

A copy of this NtM and OI can be downloaded from Ports Victoria's [website](#).

**Mariners on deep draught vessels are advised to navigate with caution in the vicinity of the virtual buoys.**

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

**Charts & Publications affected**

AUS 143, AUS 144, AUS 158

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**Further notice:** 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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