

# NOTICE TO MARINERS

GIPPSLAND PORTS



The following navigation notice is published for general information.

**AUSTRALIA - VICTORIA**

**NOTICE TO MARINERS No.223 OF 2023**

**PORT OF MALLACOOTA INLET**

**BASTION POINT BOAT RAMP**

**HAZARDOUS ROCK REMOVED – ISOLATED DANGER BUOY  
ESTABLISHED**

**DATE:** Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2023

**PREVIOUS NOTICE:** Notice to Mariners No.197(T) of 2023 is referred and cancelled.

**DETAILS:** Mariners are advised that hazardous rock previously located approximately 10 metres into the approach channel at Bastion Point Boat Ramp has been removed by dive operations and relocated to the seaward side of the breakwater rock wall.

Other rocks (approximately 9 in number) which have slid down the toe of the breakwater near No.2 Lateral Mark Beacon (Fl.R.2s) have been left in place to stabilize against further rockfall. The outer limit of these rocks lies approximately 4 metres from the low water mark of the rock wall and have been marked with an **unlit** Isolated Danger Mark Buoy. The rocks are not compromising depths in the boat ramp approach channel. The position of the isolated danger buoy is;

Lat. 37° 34.247' S

Lon. 149° 45.899' E

Datum WGS84

See attached photo.

Mariners are advised to take extra precaution and avoid entering or departing the boat ramp and entrance close to the toe of the rock wall structure.

Mariners are advised that transits of the approach channel and entrance should only be carried out during fine weather conditions and 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 and tide height for the time of return.

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Passage through the approach channel should only be attempted by experienced vessel operators who possess sound knowledge of the conditions to be expected during the transit of the channel taking into consideration the position of the dislodged rocks and the prevailing weather and sea state at the time.

Passengers and crew should be briefed so they are aware of the heightened risk that may prevail at the time of departure or arrival.

### **WEAR A LIFE JACKET**

Vessel Operators are reminded that this is an Ocean Access Boat Ramp and large swells may occur, even at times when the conditions are assessed as being good.

Night navigation is considered extremely dangerous and should not be attempted.

### **IF IN DOUBT DON'T GO OUT**

Further details can be obtained from Gippsland Ports Harbour Master on 0427 610 025

**CHARTS  
AFFECTED:** Chart Aus.805 – ENC AU438149

**PUBLICATIONS  
AFFECTED:** Gippsland Ports Waterways Online available at;  
[Gippsland Ports - Waterways Online v2 \(arcgis.com\)](http://www.gippslandports.com.au/waterways-online)

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

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

