

NOTICE TO MARINERS

GIPPSLAND PORTS



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NOTICE TO MARINERS No.276(P) OF 2023

PORT OF CORNER INLET AND PORT ALBERT

AIDS TO NAVIGATION

MAJOR BUOY EXCHANGE PROGRAM

DATE: Tuesday 4th July 2023

PREVIOUS NOTICE: No Previous Notice has been issued.

DETAILS: Mariners are advised that maintenance works will commence on or about Monday 10th July 2023 for the exchange of major navigation buoyage in the Port of Corner Inlet and Port Albert. The program is expected to take approximately one week to complete.

The buoys to be exchanged in Corner Inlet are;

Corner Inlet Entrance Channel – No.1 South Cardinal Mark Buoy (VQ(6)+LFI.10s)

Corner Inlet Entrance Channel – No.3 Starboard Lateral Mark Buoy (Q.G)

Dive inspections only will also occur at other inshore Navigation Buoys including;

Corner Inlet Main Channel No.2, No.4 and No.6

Bennison Spit East Cardinal Mark Buoy

Toora Channel No.9 Lateral Buoy

Barry Beach Channel No2 East Cardinal Mark Buoy

Barry Beach Channel No.2 and No.4 Lateral Buoys

Port Albert Fairway Buoy and the Inner Green Lateral Buoy.

Mariners are advised that The Tug Albatross, in preparation to replace Corner Inlet No.1 South Cardinal Mark Buoy, has shifted that buoy off station, laterally towards Corner Inlet No.3 Buoy by approximately 150m. The temporary position of Corner Inlet No.1 SCM is;

Lat. 38° 51.221' S

Lon. 146° 35.505' E

Datum WGS84

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During the buoy exchange program;

1. There may be short periods of time where one or more of the above-named buoys will be missing from station.
2. Gippsland Ports vessel's "Albatross" and "Shearwater" shall be engaged in each buoy exchange. These vessels shall maintain a listening watch on VHF Ch.16 at all times.
3. The buoy exchange program includes towing operations, and each vessel will display the lights and day shapes prescribed in the Prevention of Collision Regulations (COLREGS).
4. The buoy exchange program includes daylight hour diving operations, and the Dive vessel "Shearwater" will display the Code "A" dive flag.
5. There will be no change to the flash rate, position or number/name of the above navigation buoys.

Mariners are advised to take extra precaution when navigating in the vicinity of these operations and are requested to give a wide berth and reduce speed to minimize wake when passing the buoy exchange vessels.

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://Gippsland Ports - Waterways Online v2 (arcgis.com))

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

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