

NOTICE TO MARINERS

GIPPSLAND PORTS



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PORT OF CORNER INLET & PORT ALBERT

ENTRANCE TO PORT ALBERT- PORT ALBERT APPROACH CHANNEL

SHOALING – DEPTHS COMPROMISED

DATE: 3rd February 2017 – Effective Immediately

DETAILS: Mariners are advised that recent Bathymetric Survey results have identified that shoaling has occurred midway between the Port Albert Fairway Buoy RW (L Fl.10s) in Charted Position :
Lat. 38° 43.974' S
Lon. 146° 42.675' E Datum WGS84
And the Outer Green Buoy (Fl.G.3s) in Charted Position:
Lat. 38° 44.743' S
Lon. 146° 41.261' E Datum WGS84

The shoal has been identified with least depths less than 0.3m (LAT) and extends for a distance of approximately 300 metres along the length of the channel and encroaches into the channel by approximately 100 metres. Deeper water of 3.0 metres (LAT) exists in the channel to the Northwest of the area of shoaling.

The Bathymetry results also confirm that channel configurations are changing. An opening through the bar has become apparent to the Southeast of the entrance with least depths of 1.3 metres LAT being recorded.

Further Bathymetric surveys are planned over the coming months to confirm the changing channel configuration. Until that time the Fairway Buoy and Outer Green Buoy will remain in their current positions as the best water over the Bar still lies to the Northeast of the Entrance.

Gippsland Ports is planning to relocate the Fairway Buoy and Outer Green Buoy when survey results indicate a deeper approach to the Port Albert Entrance.

Due to the compromised depths Mariners are advised to take extra

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precaution when navigating through the Port Albert Entrance Channel. Transits of the Channel should not be attempted unless at high water with little or no swell.

Mariners are also advised to visit the Gippsland Ports website at www.gippslandports.vic.gov.au and consult the latest Bathymetric Survey for the Port Albert Entrance and Approach Channel.

Further information can be obtained by contacting Gippsland Ports Port Welshpool Office on 0356881303.

CHART AFFECTED: Aus.181 & 182

PUBLICATIONS AFFECTED: NP14 Australia Pilot Vol 2, Vol K List of Lights.
Gippsland Ports Online Boating Guides, electronic version available at www.gippslandports.vic.gov.au

FURTHER NOTICE: A further notice will be issued.

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