

NOTICE TO MARINERS

GIPPSLAND PORTS



The following navigation warning is published for general information

AUSTRALIA - VICTORIA

No. 051(T) OF 2020

PORT OF MALLACOOTA INLET - BASTION POINT BOAT RAMP
ENTRANCE AND APPROACH CHANNEL SHOALING

IMPORTANT NAVIGATION ADVICE

DATE: 10th February 2020

PREVIOUS NOTICE: Notice to Mariners No.253(T) of 2019 is referred and cancelled.

DETAILS: Recent continuous Easterly weather conditions and associated seas and swells have caused the Entrance and Approach Channel to the Bastion Point Boat Ramp to shoal.

East Gippsland Shire has reported that shoaling has encroached across the width of the approach channel creating a sand bar at the entrance to the ocean access boat ramp.

Least depths at the entrance and approach channel are unknown but surf is observed to break across the entrance. East Gippsland Shire will mobilise the Shire Dredger when environment conditions improve.

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.

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 prevailing weather and sea state at the time.

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Passengers 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 should not be attempted under any circumstances.

IF IN DOUBT DON'T GO OUT

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

**CHART
AFFECTED:** Chart Aus. 805

**PUBLICATIONS
AFFECTED:** Gippsland Ports Waterways Online available at <https://www.gippslandports.vic.gov.au/boating/waterways-online/>

**FURTHER
NOTICE:** A further notice shall be issued

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