

NOTICE TO MARINERS

GIPPSLAND PORTS



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PORT OF GIPPSLAND LAKES

PORT OF CORNER INLET AND PORT ALBERT

AMSA SAFETY ALERT 04/2020

HARBOUR MASTER DIRECTIONS

**DEPLOYMENT OF PASSIVE FIN AND BOOM AND PARAVANE
STABILISERS – PROHIBITED**

DURING ENTRY & DEPARTURE OR TRANSITING & BERTHING

DATE: Friday 7th August 2020 – Effective immediately.

DETAILS: On Friday 24th July, following recent investigations, Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued Safety Alert No.04/2020 regarding the installation and use of passive fin stabilisers predominantly on fishing vessels operating through Bar Ports in Australia.

Gippsland Ports has considered the Safety Alert advice from AMSA regarding the use of passive fin stabilisers and at the same time assessed the inherent risks of boom and paravane stabilisers when they are deployed during departure and arrival through Bar ports and through channels and fairways within port waters.

For the Port of Gippsland Lakes and the Port of Corner Inlet and Port Albert the following Harbour Masters Directions shall apply from the date of this Notice to Mariners;

- The deployment of passive fin stabilisers whilst vessels are entering or departing through the Bar entrance or transiting

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channels and fairways or berthing within Port Waters is prohibited.

- The deployment of boom and paravane stabilisers whilst vessels are entering or departing through the Bar entrance or transiting channels and fairways or berthing within Port Waters is prohibited.
- Stabiliser booms must be stowed inboard whilst a vessel is entering or departing through the Bar entrance or transiting channels and fairways or berthing within Port Waters.
- Fishing equipment booms must be stowed inboard whilst a vessel is entering or departing through the Bar entrance or transiting channels and fairways or berthing within Port Waters.

AMSA have advised mariners to assess the risks for deploying and retrieving stabiliser equipment and document the control measures in the vessel Safety Management System. AMSA also advises that crew members should receive training in accordance with a procedure for deploying and retrieving stabiliser equipment to reduce risk of injury.

A copy of the AMSA Safety Alert 04/2020 is available at the link below. - <https://mailchi.mp/amsa.gov.au/amsa-safety-alert-fixed-fin-stabilisers>

**CHART
AFFECTED:** Chart Aus.181 and Aus.182

**PUBLICATIONS
AFFECTED:** Gippsland Ports Waterways Online available at <https://www.gippslandports.vic.gov.au/boating/waterways-online/>
<https://mailchi.mp/amsa.gov.au/amsa-safety-alert-fixed-fin-stabilisers>

**FURTHER
NOTICE:** No further Notice will be issued.

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