

# NOTICE TO MARINERS

GIPPSLAND PORTS



The following navigation warning is published for general information

**AUSTRALIA - VICTORIA**

**No. 349(T) OF 2021**

**PORT OF MALLACOOTA INLET - BASTION POINT BOAT RAMP**

**IMPORTANT NAVIGATION ADVICE**

**APPROACH CHANNEL – ROCKS DISLODGED FROM SEA WALL**

**DEPTH COMPROMISED**

**DATE:** 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021

**PREVIOUS NOTICE:** Notice to Mariners No.332 of 2020 is referred and cancelled.  
Notice to Mariners No 007 of 2021 – Bar Crossing Warning – is referred.

**DETAILS:** Recent East Coast Lows causing strong Easterly weather conditions and associated seas and swells have dislodged a large rock from the structure of the Bastion Point seawall at the entrance to the ocean access boat ramp.

East Gippsland Shire has reported that the rock has split into 3 pieces located near the seawall midway between Bastion Point port hand lateral beacons #2 & #4. The rocks are compromising the available depth in that position. The rocks are located in a surf zone and are unable to be marked. East Gippsland Shire will remove the rocks as soon as is practically possible.

Mariners are advised to take extra precaution and avoid entering or departing the boat ramp approach entrance close to the seawall. A photograph and map indicating the position of the rock is attached to this Notice.

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 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

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

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

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

**CAPT. BEVIS HAYWARD**  
**HARBOUR MASTER**

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