

Pilot Boarding Ground Criteria

Port Notice

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Version Control

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1. TITLE

Port Notice for pilot boarding ground criteria for Port of Darwin.

2. REFERENCE LEGISLATION

- *Ports Management Act*
- *Marine Act*
- *Marine (Pilotage) Regulations*
- Technical and Safety Standards for Pilotage and Provision of Pilotage Services

3. SCOPE

This Port Notice applies to ships entering or departing from the Pilotage Area of Darwin.

4. PREFACE

This Port Notice is issued pursuant to Section 57 of the *Ports Management Act*.

5. DIRECTION

Pilotage is compulsory in the Port of Darwin;

- North of 12° 25'S for vessels of 200 metres length or greater or of 10.7m draft or greater and proceeding south of 12° 25'S;
- South of 12° 25'S for all vessels of 35 metres length or greater.

All vessels of 35 metres length or greater south of 12° 25'S must either carry a licenced pilot or be under the lawful command of a master who holds a pilotage exemption certificate endorsed for the appropriate zones of the Port and for the vessel being navigated within them.

There are two pilot boarding grounds marked on the Australian Hydrographic charts at which Pilots embark and disembark vessels arriving at or departing from the Port of Darwin.

The Outer Pilot Boarding Ground (OPBG) is situated in position 12°19'S, 130°42'E. Vessels greater than 200 metres LOA and vessels with a draught greater than 10.7 metres shall embark and disembark their pilot at the OPBG.

The Inner Pilot Boarding Ground (IPBG) is situated adjacent to Channel Rock, in position 12°24'S, 130°46'E. Vessels requiring a pilot, other than those above, shall embark and disembark their pilot at the IPBG.

All vessels navigating in the vicinity of Pilot Boarding Grounds shall do so with extreme caution and be aware of vessels manœuvring to embark or disembark Pilots.

6. REVIEW STATEMENT

This direction will be reviewed biennially by the Regional Harbourmaster.



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