Department of Transport and Main Roads - Maritime Safety Queensland

NOTICE TO MARINERS



185 (T) of 2017

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Area: Brisbane pilotage area
Locality: Mooloolah River Bar

Activity: Shoaling

Mariners are advised that a hydrographic survey of the Mooloolah River and its coastal bar on Wednesday ,17 May 2017, shows a shoal patch extending from the end of the eastern breakwater in a westerly direction past the centreline of the channel. The shoal has a least depth of approximately 0.8 metres at LAT on the entrance channel's centreline, as well as a least depth of approximately 0.3 metres at LAT to the east of the channel's centreline. There is deeper water to the west of the channel's centreline.

Map S11-338, attached, shows the extent of the shoaling. Copies of the survey plan are available from the Sunshine Coast office of Maritime Safety Queensland at Mooloolaba.

Masters of smaller recreational boats, personal watercraft, and passive craft like kayaks and canoes must remain mindful of the heightened risk to larger vessels navigating the river entrance and coastal bar. Except for entering and departing the river, these smaller vessels and passive craft should keep well clear of the coastal bar and not use it for recreational purposes.

Mariners must remain mindful that coastal bars are dynamic in nature with conditions constantly changing. Mariners must plan their crossing of the Mooloolah Bar, having careful consideration to prevailing conditions, the state of the tide, and the draught of their vessels. The coastal bar must be navigated with extreme caution.

Mariners are also reminded that the Mooloolah River entrance is defined as a coastal bar. This means that each person on board an open boat less than 4.8 metres in length must wear an appropriate life jackets while the boat is crossing the coastal bar..

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Latitude and longitude positions are on WGS84 horizontal datum and are compatible with GDA94 datum.

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