

# NOTICE TO MARINERS



## 194 (T) of 2017

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Issued by Brisbane Maritime Region on 31 May 2017

**Area:** Brisbane pilotage area

**Locality:** Mooloolah River Bar

**Activity:** Shoaling and dredging operations

Mariners are advised that a hydrographic survey of the Mooloolah River and its coastal bar on Tuesday, 30 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 0.6 metres at LAT to the east of the channel's centreline. There is deeper water to the west of the channel's centreline.

Map S11-339 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.

The cutter suction dredge 'Saibai' will commence dredging operations shortly and will continue until further notice. The dredge will exhibit day shapes and lights as required by the Collision Regulations, and the dredge master will maintain a listening watch on VHF Channels 73, 12 and 16. Mariners must carefully consider the position of the 'Saibai' and its floating pipeline when navigating the bar. They should contact the dredge master if they have any concerns about the safe passage of their vessels past the dredge.

Mariners should navigate with extreme caution in the area and also remain mindful of their wash and the operational speed limit of 6 knots in the vicinity of anchored vessels.

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.

**Refer to notice:** 185(T) of 2017

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**AUS charts affected:** 235

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

**For further information about this notice, please contact:**

The Brisbane Regional Harbour Master's office:

Phone: 07 3632 7500

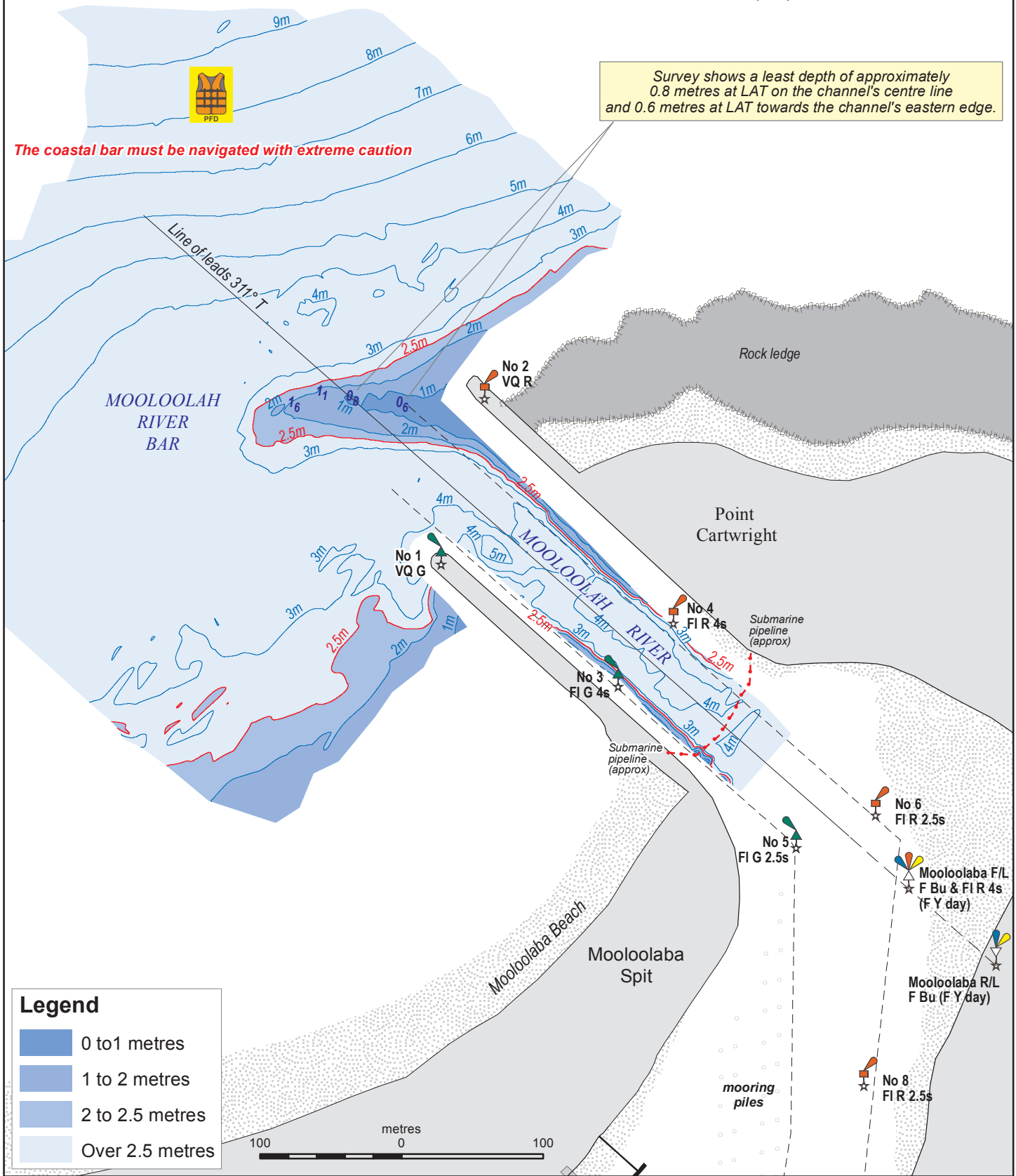
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



Survey shows a least depth of approximately 0.8 metres at LAT on the channel's centre line and 0.6 metres at LAT towards the channel's eastern edge.

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**Legend**

-  0 to 1 metres
-  1 to 2 metres
-  2 to 2.5 metres
-  Over 2.5 metres

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# QUEENSLAND NOTICE TO MARINERS

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## MOOLOOLAH RIVER BAR

Surveyed 30 May 2017

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Datum: GDA94 horizontal. LAT vertical  
Map projection: UTM (MGA zone 56)

Map S11-339

