

NOTICE TO MARINERS



262 (T) of 2019

Issued by Brisbane Maritime Region on 6 June 2019

Area: Brisbane pilotage area

Locality: Mooloolah River Bar

Activity: Dredging and shoaling

Mariners are advised that a hydrographic survey of the Mooloolah River and its coastal bar on Wednesday 5 June 2019, shows the entrance channel with depths generally at or in excess of the 2.5m design depth at LAT.

The cutter suction dredge 'Navau' is on station and will continue dredging operations, weather permitting until mid June 2019. The dredge will exhibit day shapes and lights as required by the Collision Regulations. Whilst operating the dredge master will maintain a listening watch on VHF Channels 73, 12 and 16. Mariners must carefully consider the position of the 'Navau' its floating pipeline and anchors when navigating the bar. They should contact the dredge master to ensure it is safe to transit 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.

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AUS charts affected: 235

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

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