NOTICE TO MARINERS



434 (T) of 2018

Issued by Brisbane Maritime Region on 26 October 2018

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 Thursday 25 October 2018, 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 1.7 metres at LAT on the entrance channel's centreline and 1.5 metres LAT on the channel eastern edge and 2.2 metres LAT on the channel western edge. An additional sand shoal is located to the west of the entrance channel and has a minimum depth of approximately 2.3 metres LAT.

Map S11-411 attached, shows the current channel and the extent of the shoal. 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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