

LOCAL NAVIGATION WARNING

GIPPSLAND PORTS



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GIPPSLAND PORTS NAVIGATION WARNING

SYDENHAM INLET

TEMPORARY ARTIFICIAL WATERWAY OPENING

DATE: Tuesday 4th June 2024

PREVIOUS NOTICE: No previous notice for this event.

DETAILS: Recent rainfall has resulted in increased water levels with possible flooding of community and infrastructure assets at the township of Bemm River.

Sydenham Inlet is currently closed to the sea. The East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority (EGCMA) have been monitoring water levels within the inlet system. The level has been reached where an artificial opening will be attempted on Wednesday 5th June 2024.

Parks Victoria in conjunction with EGCMA, will manually excavate to create the opening. These artificial opening events are normally temporary until the floodwaters recede.

A vessel Exclusion Zone will be in force from tomorrow, 5th June 2023 for approximately one week to facilitate the safe opening of Sydenham Inlet.

A series of red "No Boating" Buoys will be established across the line of the narrow opening to the inlet, approximately 2.5 kilometres upstream of the ocean opening. The position of the Exclusion Zone boundary is a line;

From;

Lat. 37° 46.371' South

Lon. 149° 00.040' East

To;

Lat. 37° 46.374' South

Lon. 149° 00.153' East

Datum WGS84

See attached area map.

Mariners are advised to stay well clear of temporarily open entrances to avoid being carried away through the entrance by strong ebb flows.

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Mariners are also advised against an attempt to navigate out into the ocean over natural sand bars that form outside temporary entrances.

Bar crossings are regarded as extremely dangerous and can cause serious personal injury or death when unfavorable environmental conditions exist.

Mariners are invited to contact the Harbour Master on 0427 610 025 should they wish to discuss port entry for any Ports under the Management of Gippsland Ports. (see website for details);

www.gippslandports.vic.gov.au

FURTHER NOTICE: No further Notice shall be issued.

**DAVD ASHWORTH
ASSISTANT HARBOUR MASTER
GIPPSLAND PORTS**

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Sydenham Inlet – Vessel Exclusion Zone

4-11th June 2024



- A vessel exclusion zone will be implemented from 4th – 11th June to facilitate the safe opening of Sydenham Inlet.
- Red buoys – (with 'no boating' labels) will be placed along the exclusion line between the main body of Sydenham Inlet & channel to the sea at:

37° 46.371S / 149° 0.040E

37° 46.374S / 149° 0.153E

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