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Harbour Master's Direction

Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994
Division 2, Subdivision 1, Section 88 - 92

I, **Captain John Fallon, Regional Harbour Master (Gladstone)**, am appointed as harbour master under part 7 of the Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994.

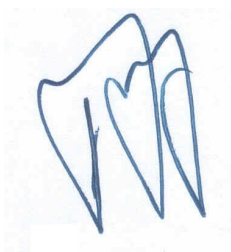
Under section 86 of the Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994 a harbour master may give direction if the harbour master reasonably considers it necessary to give the direction to ensure safety and the effectiveness and efficiency of the Queensland maritime industry. Further section 86A of the Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994 enables a harbour master to give a general direction that applies to all ship owners, ship masters, ships, other persons or matters.

I am satisfied that it is necessary to issue this direction to ensure marine safety in the Port of Port Alma. Sections of the Port Procedures and Information for Shipping – Port of Port Alma (<http://www.msg.qld.gov.au/Shipping.aspx>) are mandatory and must be complied with. Only those sections listed in Schedule 1 are mandatory by this general direction.

I DIRECT THAT:

The Port Procedures and Information for Shipping Port of Port Alma must be complied with by all vessels operating within the Port of Port Alma Pilotage area.

It is an offence to fail to comply with direction without a reasonable excuse. It is also an offence to obstruct a harbour master in the exercise of power. The maximum penalty is \$20,000 for an individual for each offence. If you fail to comply with my direction, then I may carry out the direction myself, and recover all expenses associated with performing the direction from you as a debt in civil jurisdiction.



**Captain John Fallon
Regional Harbour Master (Gladstone)
Maritime Safety Queensland**

DATED AT GLADSTONE THIS 07th DAY OF May 2025.

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Revision Date	Change Number	Page number or section	Summary of Changes
February 2009	Version 1	Whole document	First Issue
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June 2017	Change 2.01	Section 2.2, 2.5 Page 17, 18	Updated Customs document timeframes
April 2018	Change 2.02	Section 7.3.5 Page 33	Updated maximum draft formula
		Section 7.6 Page 33	Updated Under Keel Clearance formula
		Section 5.1 Page 27	Updated berth information
		Section 5.2 Page 27	New details regarding berthing with vessels alongside
		Whole document	Updated hyperlinks and TMR formatting
September 2018	Change 2.03	Section 1.7.2 and 12.6	TOMPR Updates
November 2018	Change 2.04	Section 5.2 Page 27	Updated berth information
		Section 7.3.3 Page 32	Amended length restrictions
		Section 7.3.5 Page 33	Added 'swing basin' to wording
February 2019	Change 2.05	Section 6.1.1 Page 30	Weather Restrictions for Pilotage
June 2019	Change 2.06	Section 15.12 Page 74	Replaced SV-HH form with updated form
September 2019	Change 2.07	Section 6.1.1 Page 30	Updated weather restrictions
		Section 7.3.3 Page 32	Updated length restrictions
		Section 7.3.4 Page 33	Updated vessel LOAs
		Section 7.4 Page 33	Updated wording for movement criteria
		Section 9.1 Page 41	Updated general wording
		Section 9.2 Page 41	Updated wording and LOA
October 2019	Change 2.08	Section 7.3.3 Page 32	Updated table and foot notes to table relating to vessels over 7m and 9m draft
July 2021	Change 2.09	Section 6.1.1, Page 30	Update wording for restrictions relating to weather
January 2022	Change 2.10	Section 2.9, Page 19	Updated Reef VTS wording to include Gladstone as a Reef VTS Centre
		Section 2.9, Page 19	Updated hyperlink to Reef VTS User Guide
		Section 3.2, Page 20	Updated wording

	Section 3.2.1, Page 20	New heading – Harbour Control Role
	Section 3.2.2, Page 21	Updated table
	Section 3.4.1, Page 22	Updated wording
	Section 3.5, Page 22	Updated wording
	Section 3.8, Page 24	Added new para heading 'Prioritising of ship movements'
	Section 2.2, Page 18	Added Pilot Ladder Checklist to Table 1
	Section 8.5.2, Page 41	New paragraph – Pilot launch preparation
	Section 16.17, Page 82	Added Pilot Ladder Checklist
	Section 16.18, Page 83	Added Safe Work Method Statement – Boarding by ladder
	Section 7.8, Page 38	New paragraph – Personnel transfers to and from vessels using pilot or combination ladders
February 2022	Section 7.3.3, Page 35	Updated wording
	Section 1.6, Page 16	Updated Gladstone VTS contact number
	Section 3.2.5, Page 22	Updated Gladstone VTS contact number
December 2022	Section 16.17, Page 83	Updated Marine Order 03/2022 Pilot Transfer Arrangements
	Section 16.9, Page 70	Updated Pilot Ladder Checklist
		Updated Gladstone VTS phone number
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July 2023	Section 7.7.8, 7.8, Page 39,	Update contact details for marine animals and wording
	Section 16.9, Page 70-80	Updated Marine Order 04/2023 Pilot Transfer Arrangements
October 2023	Section 16.17, Page 92-95	New Pilot ladder checklist
	Section 5.6, Page 31	Update email address
October 2023	Section 16.17, Page 92-95	New Pilot ladder checklist - again
June 2024	Section 7.3.3, Page 34	Updated towage requirements
November 2024	Section 6.1.1, Page 33	Updated weather restrictions for pilotage
	Section 7.10, Page 41	New section – Harbour Transits – fuel changeover
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	Section 10.2.2, Page 46	Added main engine trial permits to Table 12
	Section 10.2.2, Page 47	Included new section - main engine trials alongside terminals
	Section 10.2.1, Page 47	Amended wording to capture dangerous goods onboard, and updated weather restrictions
February 2025	Section 4.7, page 29	Addition of the requirement of 2 ECDIS systems if no papers charts are held.
May 2025	Section 2.11, page 22	New section – Steel Wire Mooring Lines

Section 3.10, page 27	Anchoring – new requirements if dropping anchor alongside
Section 4.8.2, page 30	Removed reference to AMSA's DGPS system
16.18, Page 99	Remove Safe Work Method Statement
Section 16.17	Replaced Pilot ladder checklist with new logo