

ADVICE

Issued by Cairns Maritime Region on 3 February 2025

Area: Cairns pilotage area

Locality: Cairns Harbour Esplanade Foreshore

Activity: Aquatic Event - Cairns Chinese New Year Fireworks Display

Mariners are advised that:

Fireworks will be conducted on Saturday 15th February 2025 at the Cairns Harbour Esplanade Foreshore for the Cairns Chinese New Year.

The firework launch pontoon will be positioned in approximate location latitude 16° 55.072' S, longitude 145° 46.676' E with an exclusion zone of 100m from the firing position between 1915 to 2015 hours.

Please refer to the attached Harbour Master's Direction and A1- 550-2

Mariners are to navigate with caution.

Latitude and longitude positions are on WGS84 horizontal datum and are compatible with GDA2020 datum.

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Notice authorised by: Regional Harbour Master (Cairns) - Maritime Safety Queensland



Our ref 230/01579
Your ref Cairns Chinese New Years Fireworks
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HARBOUR MASTER'S DIRECTION

Direction to master about operations of ship in relation to pilotage area

Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994

Section 88 – Particular Direction

Section – Direction to Master about Operation of Ship

I, **Captain David Ferguson, Regional Harbour Master Cairns**, am appointed as a harbour master under part 7 of the *Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994* (the Act).

Further, pursuant to section 88 of the Act, the harbour master may direct the master of a ship to navigate or otherwise operate the ship in relation to a pilotage area in a specified way. In giving that direction, the harbour master must have regard to the need to ensure the effectiveness and efficiency of the Queensland maritime industry.

including:

- To navigate the ship in the pilotage area in a specified way; or
- To anchor, berth or moor the ship at a specified place in the pilotage area; or
- To move the ship from an anchorage, berth or mooring in the pilotage area; or
- To cause the ship to leave the pilotage area or to leave the pilotage area in a specified way.

Mariners are advised that the fireworks will be conducted on Saturday 15th February 2025 with a firing time at approximately 19:30hrs.

The fireworks prohibited area exists in adjacent to the Cairns Esplanade on the Trinity Inlet foreshore. Ships operations will be restricted in this area.

The Cairns Esplanade, Trinity Inlet foreshore will be closed with an exclusion zone of 100 meters from firing point, latitude 16° 55.072'S, 145° 45.676' E with exclusion zone of 100m from firing point, between hours of 19:15 and 20:15 on the 15/02/2025.

Only those ships that are authorised to enter the closed pilotage area will be permitted within the closed area.

Refer attached map A1-550-2

I give this general direction to ensure marine safety and to enable the effectiveness and efficiency of

the maritime industry during the fireworks.

I HEREBY GENERALLY DIRECT THAT:

On Saturday, 15th February 2025 from 19:15 – 20:15

A master of a ship within the Cairns Esplanade, Trinity Inlet foreshore as defined on the reference map A1-550-2 must not navigate, anchor or otherwise operate the ship within the defined closure area unless authorised to do so.

All ships within the closed area Cairns Esplanade, Trinity Inlet foreshore will be under the control and direction of the Queensland Water Police and the Regional Harbour Master to ensure marine safety.

My direction does not apply to ships owned and operated by the following entities:

- Queensland Police Service;
- Department of Transport and Main Roads;
- Queensland Boating and Fisheries Patrol; or
- A volunteer marine rescue association accredited by Emergency Management Queensland;

A person commits an offence against section 88 of the Act if that person contravenes my direction without a reasonable excuse. The maximum penalty for such an offence is 200 penalty units for an individual.

Further, pursuant to sections 93 and 94 of the Act, if a person contravenes my direction, then a harbour master may, to the extent necessary to ensure safety, carry out the direction and remove the ship.

If a harbour master incurs expense in exercising that power because a ship's master did not comply with the direction, then the owner and master of the ship are liable for that expense.



Captain David Ferguson
Regional Harbour Master (Cairns)

DATED AT CAIRNS THIS 22nd DAY OF January 2025

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Legend

 Exclusion zone

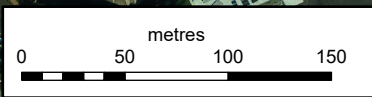


CORAL
SEA

Firing Point
16° 55.072' S
145° 46.675' E

120m

150m



The course and/or area for this event as depicted on this map is approximate only and is not necessarily a navigable or recommended track or area by Maritime Safety Queensland.
Not for navigation

AQUATIC EVENT - Exclusion zone CHINESE NEW YEAR FIREWORKS CAIRNS

19:15 - 20:15 hrs 15/02/2025

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Transport and Main Roads

Map: A1-550-2

Horizontal Datum: GDA2020
Projection: UTM (MGA zone 55)

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