## Department of Transport and Main Roads - Maritime Safety Queensland

## **NOTICE TO MARINERS**



## 426 (T) of 2024

Issued by Brisbane Maritime Region on 19 August 2024

Area: Brisbane pilotage area

Mooloolah River Bar Locality:

Activity: Safe passage of the bar

Mariners are advised that:

Recent swell activity impacting the Sunshine Coast has resulted in increased sand movement across the Mooloolah River bar. 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.

Masters of vessels must remain mindful of the heightened risk of swimmers and passive craft in the area due to the proximity to Mooloolaba Beach.

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 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 jacket while the boat is crossing the coastal bar.

Refer to notice: none

Cancel notice: 250(T) of 2024

AUS charts affected: 236

ENC Cells affected: AU5MLL01

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

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